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CHIANG GETS NOMINATION

Candidate For Presidency Of Republic

REPAIRS TO CONSULATE

Work on repairing the British Consulate building in Canton which was sacked by student demonstrators in January is now in full swing according to Chinese reports from Canton yesterday.

The reports said that the flag mast has been restored and the iron railings around the compound replaced.

Four British Planes Detained

Athens, Apr. 15. The British authorities in Greece tonight sent an official report to the Foreign Office after the detention of four British manufactured planes, with American markings, on the Greek island of Rhodes.

The planes, which landed at Rhodes yesterday, because of fuel shortage, were detained when the British Consul declined to give the Greek air authorities a personal guarantee for the aircraft.

The destination of the planes was given today by the pilot as "Rhodes or Palestine".

A Greek Foreign Office source said the aircraft would be detained until the position was fully clarified.

Unofficial sources said the plane crews totalled "10 or 11", including Americans and other nationalities.

An earlier report said the chief pilot was "a Jew" with an American passport and this gave credence to reports that the aircraft were intended for the Jewish "Air Force in Palestine".

—Reuter.

Arms For China

Six hundred tons of small arms and ammunition passed through Hong Kong yesterday en route from Canada to China.

The arms and ammunition were among 3,000 tons of cargo carried by the 4,421-ton s.s. "Islandside" which arrived in harbour on Thursday afternoon and continued her voyage to Shanghai yesterday.

The previous cargo of arms and aircraft from Canada to China passed through the Colony a month ago by the s.s. "Lakeside".

The "Islandside" is under command of Captain W. H. Alexander. The vessel touched at Singapore on her voyage to Hong Kong.

Communist Demand In France

Paris, Apr. 16. French Communists demanded today to be included in a Coalition Government.

They also demanded dissolution of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's "semi-military" Union of the French People, indicating they may use force in an attempt to break up the Gaullist congress opening today in the Communist stronghold, Marseilles.

The Communist demands were issued at the end of a two-day session of the party's central committee in Paris.

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Hu Shih May Be Prime Minister

Nanking, Apr. 16. The National Assembly today officially announced the names of the candidates for the post of President of the Republic—Chiang Kai-shek and Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan. The election will take place on April 19.

The resolution, submitted yesterday with Government support to give the President virtually dictatorial powers during the period of national crisis, is interpreted here as a move to clear the way for the Generalissimo to continue in the presidency.

If the amendment goes through, it will remove one of the main obstacles which, it is believed, was behind Chiang's original proposal that he step down from the presidency, namely that the President's powers under the new constitution were too limited for him to operate successfully in that post.

The emergency decree proposed yesterday with the approval of Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh would all but suspend the constitution and enable the Generalissimo to function precisely as he is functioning now with little or no interference from the constitution.

No Protest

Some of the manoeuvres, in the light of latest developments, throughout the Generalissimo's apparent attempt to give up the presidency might actually have been to head off a movement for obtaining precisely the powers the Assembly now appears ready to give him, but there is no confirmation of this.

No protest has yet been voiced by either of the two minority parties over the proposal to greatly extend the president's powers, nor has there been any indication that a protest might be forthcoming.

Government leaders meanwhile worked to head off a movement in the Assembly to convert that body into a legislative organ, which would meet every two years. An amendment proposed yesterday, which would support among delegates, would not only grant the Assembly power to "establish the principles of legislation" but would give them veto power over much of the Legislative Yuan's legislation. The proposed amendment would give China a kind of two-house parliament or congress with the Assembly corresponding roughly to it and the Legislative Yuan corresponding to the House of Representatives.

Hu Shih As Premier?

Government leaders argued that the move would only further complicate an already complicated government structure and lead to endless controversy between the Assembly and the Legislative Yuan.

It is reliably learned that if the Generalissimo accepts the post of China's first constitutional president, Dr. Hu Shih, one time ambassador to Washington and present Chancellor of Peking University, will become premier.

Following Chiang Kai-shek's announcement on April 4 that he would not run for the presidency and his recommending that "a non-partisan leader" should be elected, political observers expected Dr. Hu Shih's name with the Generalissimo's suggestion.

It is authoritatively learned that Generalissimo Chiang and Dr. Hu Shih discussed at dinner the following day the formation of the new government.

Dr. Hu Shih pointed out that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was the "symbolic leader of China" and should obey the wishes of the people.

While President Chiang is understood to be still reluctant to accept the high post at this critical period, he assured Dr. Hu Shih that "he would accept the post on condition that Dr. Hu Shih would become the Premier."

—United Press and Reuter-A.P.

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The stewardess was stated last night, fled from Kunming to Hong Kong by air and is still in Hong Kong.

The office of the Chinese Government's Special Foreign Affairs Commissioner yesterday declined to comment on the subject.

Grim Prophecy By Benes

San Francisco, Apr. 15. Bohus Benes, Czech Consul General and nephew of Czechoslovakia's President, predicted today that Soviet Russia and the United States will engage in a "terrible conflict."

Speaking at a world affairs class in Marina adult school, Benes said that war between Communism and democracy may result in the destruction of both. He said, "In the end Communism may be destroyed but so will Western Democracy. In the end there will be something un-Christian that none of us can foresee at this time."

Benes said he was convinced that Jan Masaryk, Czech Foreign Minister, killed himself because he "could not live as a Communist." He accused the "democracies of failing Czechoslovakia when Russia moved into the country a few weeks ago "just as they did when Hitler forced the pact of Munich on the Czechs 10 years ago."

"The West had nothing to offer but a little money. The Czechs had not forgotten Munich. And the Communists offered the people a road out. They took it."

—United Press.

Constellation Crash Statement

London, Apr. 15. An official statement on the disaster today was issued by Mr. Patrick Dolan, the London representative of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, tonight.

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Demonstration Over Berlin

Furstenfeldbruck, Apr. 16. As soon as 23 B29 heavy bombers touched down here today General Lucius D. Clay asked that they make a flight over Berlin.

The request is interpreted as a move by the American Command to show Berlin what a squadron of the giant bombers looks like. Nothing of this sort was used in the European war.—Associated Press.

The Finnish Government today formally asked Parliament to ratify the Moscow pact.

Parliament will presumably discuss the pact at its meeting today and send the Government's ratification bill to the Foreign Affairs Committee.—Associated Press.

Leopold To Be Given Welcome

Brussels, Apr. 16. Belgian Flemish newspapers today carried front page advertisements calling upon bus, coach, car and lorry owners throughout the country to loan their vehicles on Sunday to drive Belgian Royalists to Rotterdam for a demonstration of welcome to King Leopold III when he arrives there from Cuba after his holiday in the West Indies.

According to the advertisements, many Belgians travelling to Rotterdam to watch the Belgium versus Holland football match there on the same day are also expected to take part in the demonstration.

King Leopold is expected to travel by air from Holland to Geneva.—Reuter.

Electric Plant From Japan

A large quantity of electrical plant and equipment covering a wide range of generators, transformers, converters and sub-station plant, etc., is available in Japan for allocation to industry.

Distribution of this plant and equipment is intended primarily for assisting industrial rehabilitation and is confined to those areas which suffered losses of similar material as a result of the war with Japan.

An inventory is available for inspection at the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, and intending purchasers are invited to make bids for any item in which they are interested.

Prices will be fixed by a committee and will be based on the present second-hand value of the plant. The proceeds of any sale will be credited to a common reparation pool.

The requirements of this Colony will be considered in Japan in conjunction with competing bids from other territories, and in order that any bids may be put forward from Hong Kong at the earliest possible date, the closing day for bids has been fixed for the 24th April, 1948.

APPOINTED TO H.K.

Ottawa, Apr. 16. H. T. Peters of the Canadian Immigration Department has been appointed Superintendent of Canadian Immigration at Hong Kong, it was announced here today by the Acting Mines and Resources Minister, J. A. MacKinnon.

Peters entered the immigration service in 1928 as an inspector at Huntingdon, B.C., was transferred to Vancouver in 1937 and made investigating officer in 1947.—United Press.

Washington, Apr. 15. Twelve American warships, headed by the battleship Missouri and the aircraft carrier Coral Sea, will visit Europe this summer on a training cruise, the United States Navy announced here today.—Reuter.

Two Hundred Arabs Killed In New Battle

Jerusalem, Apr. 15. Two hundred Arab casualties and the capture of seven 75-millimetre guns in a big new offensive against fortified Arab villages on the Biblical plain of Armageddon, Northern Palestine, were claimed by Jewish forces tonight.

They admitted three dead and some wounded in the attack on seven villages around the Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemek.

General Ismail Safwat Pasha, Inspector General of the Arab Liberation Army, left Cairo today by a special plane to relieve Fawzi El Kawukji, the Army's Commander in Chief, and 2,000 Arab troops cut off by Hagana forces in a village near Jerusalem, a Reuter Cairo despatch said.

Azzam Pasha, the Arab League's Secretary General, said the Jews had thrown all their forces into the battle now raging throughout Palestine and the Committee had decided to take action accordingly.

The Egyptian newspaper Al Zaman said El Kawukji's position got worse in the next few hours, "an Arab country" will send its regular troops to Palestine as an anti-Jewish officer was killed when Jews captured an Arab field artillery near Mishmar Haemek.—Reuter.

Between 25 and 30 Jews were still missing and feared dead in the Arab attack on a Jewish convoy on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, on Thursday, an official Jewish source said tonight.

Jewish press reports stated here tonight that a British soldier was killed when he was shot by a Jewish soldier in the Arab attack on the Jewish settlement of Mishmar Haemek.—Reuter.

MANUEL ROXAS DEAD

Islands Stunned By News

Manila, Apr. 16. A funeral train carrying the body of the late President Manuel Roxas sped from Clark Field air base in Central Luzon to a capital stunned by the sudden death of the Republic's leader. Great crowds gathered in Tutuban railroad depot and lined the route of the cortege for two and a half miles to Malacanang Palace. Khaki-clad guards in white gloves and black armbands and drab olive steel helmets strapped under the chin lined the route of the procession.

News of the President's illness had been minimised and word of his death withheld for five hours during the night. Flaming black headlines and radio bulletins gave Manilans as they awoke this morning the first inkling of the President's tragic death. There was widespread uncertainty and anxiety for the future.

The new President, Elpidio Quirino, is expected to reach Manila sometime before midnight from his cruise in the waters of the Visayan Sea. Radio contact with the Coast Guard cutter Anemone was established only this morning.

The Philippine Cabinet is expected to tender their courtesy resignation soon after Quirino takes the oath of office. Political sources predict that in all likelihood many of the Cabinet will be replaced.

Peace and order is the top domestic problem facing President Quirino. Two days before Roxas' death he asked the Philippine Congress to grant an additional appropriation of 10,000,000 Pesos to intensify the security campaign throughout the Philippines.

Osmena Confers

Yesterday Quirino held an informal conference with former President Sergio Osmena in retirement at Osmeña. Press correspondents with Quirino reported that the Vice-President, who is concurrently Secretary of Foreign Affairs, told Osmena he feared World War III is "in danger of breaking out before Christmastime."

Quirino asked Osmena to volunteer his services as an elder statesman to participate actively in national affairs.

Messages of condolences, headed by a statement of President Truman, are arriving in great numbers.

The President's death was announced officially in a Malacanang Palace communique at 9:20 today (Friday). The Malacanang spokesman said Mr. Roxas died of coronary thrombosis after suffering a stroke. Mr. Roxas had fainted shortly after finishing a 12-minute speech at Clark Field.

UNO Mourns

At Lake Success, United Nations flags were at half-mast for the death of Senator Vicente Francisco (Philippines), who said: "I mourn the passing of an old personal friend. No great amount of tears can ever wash away the sorrow. Tortured by the terrible hurt that started when the Japanese attacked the Philippines, which I could not see to defend, I shall honour the memory of Roxas by continuing his efforts to establish in the Philippines a model of honest Government democracy so our people may live in prosperity and peace."

President Roxas had suffered from a heart ailment for years. He often used it as an excuse to avoid distasteful assignments during the Japanese occupation, when he was Food Administrator in the puppet Government.

A year ago he narrowly escaped death from an assassin's hand when he was shot in the chest and wounded in the leg by a Manila plane. Last November he became ill during the Congressional campaign and took a long rest.

Party Host

On Wednesday night the President went by train to Clark Field for Malacanang Palace, honouring the birthday of US Ambassador Emmet O'Neal and his own 27th wedding anniversary.

The party lasted well past midnight. Early yesterday Roxas went by train to Clark Field for his first official call at the biggest American air base in the Republic.

He motored about the sprawling field in the degrees heat and watched "Thunderbolt" fighters perform aerial manoeuvres which he had not seen when he was in the Philippines since the very resumption of 1945.

Many delegates supported Mr. Quirino's appeal, including Britain's representative, who pointed out his country had been in the colonies more than 10 years in the subject.

Mr. Bullock agreed that the problem was one that "cannot be solved" but it was necessary to move to a decision.

"ATOM WAR BY 1953"

Copenhagen, Apr. 16. Gunnar Kjaer, Swedish engineer and atom scientist, said last night that Russia will possess the atom bomb before Jan. 1, 1953.

He told a news conference "there will be an atom war before 1953 if no international control based on political power and an international detective corps has been established." — Associated Press.

Atlantic Union On The Cards

Ottawa, Apr. 15. M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, will have informal discussions with Canadian officials this weekend to explore the possibility of extending the Western Union into an Atlantic Union that would include Canada and the United States, it was learned here today.

Mr. Spaak arrives tomorrow with Prince Charles, the Belgian Regent. The party will leave by air for Belgium on Sunday.

Mr. MacKenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, has already stated that Canada would be willing to play a full part in any extension of the Western Union, and officials here are anxious to obtain the reaction of M. Spaak.

Canada has so far been unable to determine the United States attitude on the matter, apart from the speech of President Truman promising military aid to any European country defending itself against aggression.—Reuter.

Anti-Communist Speech

"The freedom-loving peoples of the world do not want war," he said, "but will be forced to take a stand and fight when they must do so to preserve their liberty."

"I am happy the President of the United States, backed by the American people, has at last shown indication that America is going to prepare for war."

Roxas became ill a few minutes after leaving the platform. A scheduled review of more than 3,000 troops was cancelled.—Associated Press and United Press.

Demand For Bahrain Island

Tehran, Apr. 16. The Iranian Parliament today unanimously voted for a speedy debate of a bill presented for the restoration from British protection of Bahrain Islands in the Persian Gulf.

The bill said that the "Iranian Government is instructed to take prompt steps to further Iran's right of jurisdiction and to complement the administrative arrangements and report to the Iranian Parliament." — Associated Press.

Too Much Beating About The Bush

Washington, Apr. 16. A plea that the Food and Agricultural Organisation should cease "beating about the bush" in dealing with the problem of rice shortage was made by the Indian delegate, Mr. S. Krishnaswamy, to a meeting of the Organisation's Council today.

Mr. Krishnaswamy touched off a discussion which Mr. Frank Bullock, from Australia, described as the most important, from the point of view of its nutritional objectives, that had occurred within the Organisation.

The Council was discussing the report of the International Rice Council, Baguio, Philippines, and its various recommendations.

These called for funds to be made available by the FAO in sponsoring a rice conservation campaign, creating an International Rice Council and establishing a "rice saving" investigation committee. The delegates questioned whether the FAO was in a position to finance such a project.

Mr. Krishnaswamy vigorously declared: "We have to take action. If necessary, we should reduce financial expenditures on other projects. We have done all the studying that is necessary. There is nothing left to study."

"The Baguio Conference has clearly presented problems and made recommendations for their solution."

"It is time to stop beating around the bush."

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The Weather

A moderate anticyclone is centred over NE China, and moving E. A ridge extends from it to W Japan. A complex depression to the S of Japan is moving ESE. There is a high extending SW to the northern part of the China Sea. Pressure is relatively low over Japan.

Today's forecast: Moderate E winds, overcast with intermittent rain at intervals to steady.

Tomorrow's Weather: Maximum 74.4 deg. F. Minimum 59.5 deg. F. Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Rainfall: 0.25 in. Total rain: 1.0 in. (1.0 in. or more) in 24 hours.

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Dec. 1-27.3 mm. (1.09 in.) as against an average of 122.5 mm. (4.82 in.) for the month.

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H.K.'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR ROADS

Drove A Hearse In A Hurry

In a plea of mitigation, Mr. Hin Shing Lo, representing Joseph Lee, 32, charged with driving a hearse without licence, told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday that his client had an engagement at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and was in a urgent hurry.

The part-time driver did not turn up as scheduled, but he drove off to visit the hearse at a pumping station. He was arrested while driving back. Mr. Lo asked for a lenient view.

When he first appeared before Mr. P. K. O'Connell last week, defendant pleaded not guilty. The Magistrate commented that defendant was driving without a licence, which he (Mr. Lo) admitted. He could not take less than a serious view of a defendant had driven knowing that he had no licence.

OPIUM PEDDLER

Choi Ching (28), residing in an unnumbered hut at Third Street, went on board the "Hong Kong" on April 15 to peddle opium "singles".

He was seen by a watchman and arrested. In his possession was a pot of opium (two mace), hidden in his pocket, and an opium pipe tucked under his armpit.

Before Mr. W. H. Latimer when Choi appeared at Kowloon yesterday, defendant was fined \$25 on the first charge and cautioned on the second.

COLONY'S NEW MAGISTRATE

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Justice of the Peace, and well-known barrister-at-law, will sit as a Magistrate at Central Magistracy today.

Mr. Lo, who has been in continuous practice in the colony for the past 22 years, is Chairman of the Tenancy, Supreme Court. Mr. Lo, who was first chairman of the Hong Kong University Union, was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1922. After a sojourn of about nine years in the United Kingdom, he returned to Hong Kong in 1931, where he was admitted to the local Bar in March.

Damaged Roads

As a result of the hostilities and the Japanese occupation, 76.5 per cent of the mileage were directly or indirectly damaged. Roads damaged directly totalled 55 miles—30 in Hong Kong and 25 on the mainland—while those indirectly damaged due to lack of maintenance amounted to 170 miles—80 on the island and 110 in Kowloon and the New Territories. The total length of roads damaged directly or indirectly was 225 miles.

Since liberation the Public Works Department has restored to pre-war condition 49 miles—25 in Hong Kong and 15 in Kowloon and the New Territories—of the damaged roads, and has constructed a four-mile new road from Clear Water Bay to Sai Kung. The Public Works Department has already spent \$4,500,000 since re-occupation on repairing roads.

Personalia

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung Province, is expected to arrive in the Colony today from Canton. The object of his visit is not known. Dr. Soong's last visit here was during the Easter holidays.

Among the passengers who left the Colony for Saigon yesterday by Air France were Messrs. Kerbridge, M. Chadeland, Ming Shun-sung, and Mr. and Mrs. Rangoux and child.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. de Kantzow, Mr. F. H. Steward and Mr. W. J. Wood were among passengers in Manila in Thursday's CPA plane.

REMANDED

Lau Hung (30), itinerant marine hawker, and Li San (42), unemployed, were remanded for three days in custody when they appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with the possession of a mortar shell at Kowloon. Lau, according to DSI Sykes, was arrested on the roof of 81 Nan Chang Street on April 13, and Li on the roof of 101 Kilang Street, only in the morning of April 14.

Insurance Co. Dividend

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Co., Ltd., will make the following recommendations at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 14:—

1946 Account: To pay a dividend of \$12.00 per share absorbing \$800,000 and to transfer \$952,204 to the credit of Undivided Surplus Account.

1947 Account: To carry forward the balance of \$3,922,128 in respect of the year 1947.

The previous practice of declaring an Interim Dividend is abolished owing to the proposed introduction next year of Annual Accounts in place of Twenty four months Working.

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"Bad Characters" Sentenced

"A gang of potential robbers" who were "definitely bad characters who the Colony could very well do without," according to Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with conspiracy to commit an armed robbery at an unnumbered hut at Suiter Street on March 22.

Kwok Kwan-hoi (20), unemployed, and Yeung On (43), firewood cutter, who pleaded guilty to the charge as well as to the additional count of possession of arms at Hak Po Street on March 23, were sentenced to three years' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Li Hung (34), earth cooler, Yuen Kau (38), unemployed, and Yip On (40), unemployed, were sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended to be reported.

Asked what they had to say in defence, the defendants pleaded that they were the sole supporters of their respective mothers, wives and children, and pleaded for clemency.

First accused said that he had been in the Colony for only eight months, second for two months and fourth, a year each; and the fifth that he came to Hong Kong two months ago with the intention of obtaining work as an earth cooler but was unable to make enough to keep his wife and two young children.

According to DSI Sykes, a Police party, led by himself, went to a house at Hak Po Street at 4 p.m. on March 22 where they saw the five accused.

When searched, a revolver loaded with four rounds was found, wrapped in a grey handkerchief, in first defendant's pocket. The second accused had a dagger in his pocket, and the fifth defendant a grey handkerchief.

The third man, said DSI Sykes, had a coil of wire of the kind that is usually used by robbers to tie their victims.

In the Hong Kong Police Station continued DSI Sykes, all defendants admitted that they conspired, on the previous night, to rob an adjoining hut at Suiter Street, Tai Kok Tsui.

Defendants brought the Police to the hut which they had intended to rob, and there, the female occupant said that she was awakened at midnight the previous night (March 22) by her dog barking.

Peeping through the holes at the door, she saw the woman saw, by the light of her torch, two men, masked with handkerchiefs, similar to those found on the first and fifth defendants.

Twenty-one passengers, passed through the Colony yesterday by air from France, India, China, the Continent and New York. They included Messrs. R. T. Kingsbury, T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, H. Olsen, Mr. J. E. Farish, Rev. P. G. Oostermeyer, Rev. J. J. Fouw, and F. A. Vortaire.

HSU EXTRADITION CASE

Chief Auditor's Evidence

A Supervisory Committee of the Directorate-General in Nanking met in August, 1947, to discuss the matter of dealing with the irregular loans, but not charges against the fugitive, Mr. Fang Chien-piao, chief auditor of the Postal Remittances & Savings Bank of Shanghai, told the Court at Central Magistracy yesterday under cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C., when extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Bank, continued.

Fang, who was sent to Shanghai to investigate into certain irregular transactions in 1947, said he was not qualified to be a member of the Committee, but he was instructed specially to attend the meeting, when he submitted his report.

Witness produced documents in Chinese, which he identified as the decision of the Committee arrived at the conference. Mr. A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) prosecuting, the Government and Chief Det. Inspector W. W. Williamson for the Police assisting, undertook to have the documents translated officially for the next hearing when its admissibility as an exhibit will be decided.

Under cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. d'Almada, who is instructed by Mr. Marcus de Silva, witness said that he did not know the resignation of the fugitive. It was a general rule that the Directorate-General should attend meetings of the Directorate and Post Office officials, but he did not know anything about the fugitive's activities. He could not say that it was also part of the duty of the Directorate-General to attend meetings with the Communications Ministry officials, explaining that he was not in a position to tell.

As far as he knew, Fang declared, each branch paid its own staff. If any post office and postal bank wanted money it had to apply to the Directorate-General, which if short of money would direct the Shanghai Branch to appropriate the funds.

During the time of the fugitive, Fang stated, all salaries and bonuses were promptly paid. He did not know anything about the Ba Chuen Bank. He was not long enough in Nanking to say whether it was substantial or not before its bankruptcy.

Cashier's Story
Defence Counsel said that in November, 1946, a government order was issued in connection with food bonds. Witness told him that he knew, about the order, but did not know the result of the circular the value of the bonds appreciated in December that year.

Every important transaction, like the granting of loans, witness stated, must be approved by the Directorate-General. He was not in Shanghai or Nanking long enough to know exactly the procedure of obtaining approval. His knowledge was procured during the course of his 35-day probe into the Shanghai Branch in June, 1947.

Re-examined by Mr. Lonsdale, witness said that as an auditor of the Bank, neglecting the particular loan to Powell & Sons, he had not seen any other case of foreign exchange being pledged against loans, and that he had not seen any other document indicating that the Central Bank had approved a loan of foreign exchange to Powell & Sons.

The prosecution then put into box Mr. Wu Chia-san, chief of the Cashier Department, Shanghai Branch, who is assistant manager concurrently.

Wu, who had previously testified in the Shanghai District Court against eight fellow-officials charged with defrauding the Government-controlled Postal Bank, identified Exhibit C as the receipt issued by him for the US\$200,000 worth of Victory bonds and US\$50,000 from Powell & Sons, on March 25, 1946.

Eight Feet High
Witness said he handled the bonds and money personally and after checking them put them into a strong-room. He told the Court that he received the bonds and money from the manager, Sam King.

On one occasion, witness recollected, he was sent for by the manager and instructed to select a note on the receipt on Dec. 28, 1946, cancelling it as directed by the manager.

Wu stated that he took the bonds to the office of the manager and asked him to check them. The bonds were in the US\$100 denomination and stood altogether about eight feet high (as demonstrated by the witness).

Wu declared that after the manager had checked a greater portion of the bonds, the fugitive entered the office and asked "Have you got the things ready?"

The manager replied, Wu said: "It is nearly ready."

The manager stopped checking and told the fugitive: "About correct." He then wrapped them in a newspaper and handed the parcel to the fugitive.

Under cross-examination, Wu said he joined the Postal Bank in November, 1946, as assistant manager, and became cashier in December of the same year. There were two sub-managers, above him, and eight assistant managers.

He said he knew about 15 persons being indicted in the case.

Reminders

Toddy
Hong Kong Oxford & Cambridge Society, annual dinner, Hong Kong Club, 7.45 p.m.

Kowloon Tong Club dinner, dance, 8.30 p.m.

Opening Night of Art Floor Show, Cook & Pallet Restaurant, Duddell Street.

Dance at Messrs. Officers Club, Queen's Road, Central.

Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Concert of Musical Clubs, 7.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.30 p.m.

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UNUSUAL CASE

Leung Mut (25), married woman, and Cheung Yung (41), shipwright, foster parents of Cheung Tai-tai, 8-year-old girl, appeared with Cheung Shing (24) and Wong Chai (20), shipwrights, before Mr. W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of failing to report the death of Cheung Tai-tai on April 15.

Sub-Inspector Gillies, applying for a remand of three days, said the prosecution was not opposing bail. Bail was fixed at \$100 each. All accused resided at Sai Kung.

Dist. Court concerning American bonds and that he had given evidence about one or two months ago.

Saw it
He also knew that Mr. Fang Chien-piao, last witness, was instructed to make investigations into the Shanghai Branch transactions and that Fang Chien-piao had him once regarding the case for about half an hour. That was about 10 months ago.

Witness said, however, he did not know what had made the charges against the persons alleged to have defrauded the Government-controlled Bank, of whom he knew eight to be members of the Shanghai Branch or the Directorate-General.

He did not know on what basis the charges were made, as he had not read the charges.

Wu told defence counsel that he made a similar statement to Fang, the District Court and this court.

He knew that the eight persons included the manager, Sam King, the assistant manager, the heads of the Accounts and Business Departments, the fugitive himself, and a compiler. He was sent for by the District Court to give evidence for the prosecution. Wu said, it was not according to his knowledge that he was substituted.

He agreed with the defence counsel that he was "only some one innocent of the transaction chosen to take care of the US\$200,000 worth of bonds and US\$50,000."

It was the only person in the Bank authorised to keep any valuable things in the Treasury, Wu said, adding that he would not even give the key to the manager if requested to do so.

There was a safe in the manager's office and one in the sub-manager's room.

He could not say whether it was by chance that the fugitive visited the manager's office at the time when they were checking the bonds.

"I put to you that what you have said about the fugitive being present in the office and being given the parcel of bonds by the manager was untrue," Mr. d'Almada suggested to the witness.

Readers Letters

A Hint

Sir—Your correspondent Mr. Marsh does ill service to Mr. Woodhead by his letter. Simple Simon may well and fairly claim to have scored a hit when he sees the feathers fly. Comments on the similarity of his home-devised to his mental processes, which has appeared, he will observe that Mr. Woodhead claimed justification for his residence in China, by reason of his having published 20 issues of the China Year Book. Having been told by Mr. Woodhead to go to Canton or Shanghai, it is my party set forth the reasons why I considered my stay in Hong Kong as being justified.

Mr. Woodhead's opinions also are not to be lightly regarded. He is too well known and respected in China to need any bouquets in the public press, but it is surely ungentlemanly and unfair to suggest that he hates China and the Chinese because he is, as becomes a good journalist and commentator, critical of what he considers the unbalanced views of Simple Simon.

The average citizen—it is indeed our citizens may generally be so described—who thinks better of the matter, and who is not interested in these issues if personalities are avoided and courtesy extended equally to all who are sufficiently interested in the well-being of the Colony to express their views with freedom. There is much to be said for the view that the death of a citizen is a tragedy, but will defend to the death your right to say it.

Mr. Marsh's, like all Simple Simon for not having the courage to append his signature implies that a correspondent's identity is more important than his opinions, whereas the contrary is usually the case.

A non-de-plume is not only general in its correspondence but preferable. I seldom sign my letters to the press but it has never occurred to me that there is anything furtive about a non-de-plume.

O. CHAMBERLIN.

Sir—When I put a few straightforward questions to Mr. Woodhead, he commented, the same, to be important. I wonder how Mr. Woodhead regards the importance of the questions of this branch, applied to Mr. John T. Marsh, whose letter appeared in yesterday's issue of your paper.

There are many reasons why Mr. Marsh who is a person who writes to the Press, should be asked to cloak his or her identity, and it is certainly not one of them.

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Three Entries

Regarding the bonds, Wu stated it was the first occasion during his time that the Bank had accepted such valuable things. He took it down in a rough note book. Witness added that a lettered looking exercise book, in which three entries were made on one page. The first two concerned the US\$200,000 bonds and US\$50,000. The other was irrelevant to the case. Witness told the Court that he used that book officially also.

Re-examined by Crown counsel, Wu said that normally Chinese currency and other similar things were kept in the strong-room.

When his evidence was read back to him by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, witness said that he would add that when he took the bundle of bonds from the room as directed by the manager he was asked also to select the three bonds and replace them with unnumbered ones so as to make the number similar.

Next to enter the box was Lau Tak-choi, room boy of the Melbourne Hotel Apartments, "Kimberley Room" at Kowloon. Lau recognised the fugitive and a lady in court as those who stayed in the hotel in January. The man gave him the name as Chin Tai-lin.

A room had been booked by a man named Chan Kam-luk. At first the fugitive was given Room 202, but after an hour he requested a room on the third floor on the ground that up there it would be more airy and bright.

The son, Lau said, stayed in a room on the ground floor near the entrance.

The fugitive seldom went out in the daytime. He took his meals in the room and not in the dining hall. He usually went out at night.

Defence counsel did not cross-examine this witness.

Hearing was then adjourned to 11.30 a.m. on April 22.

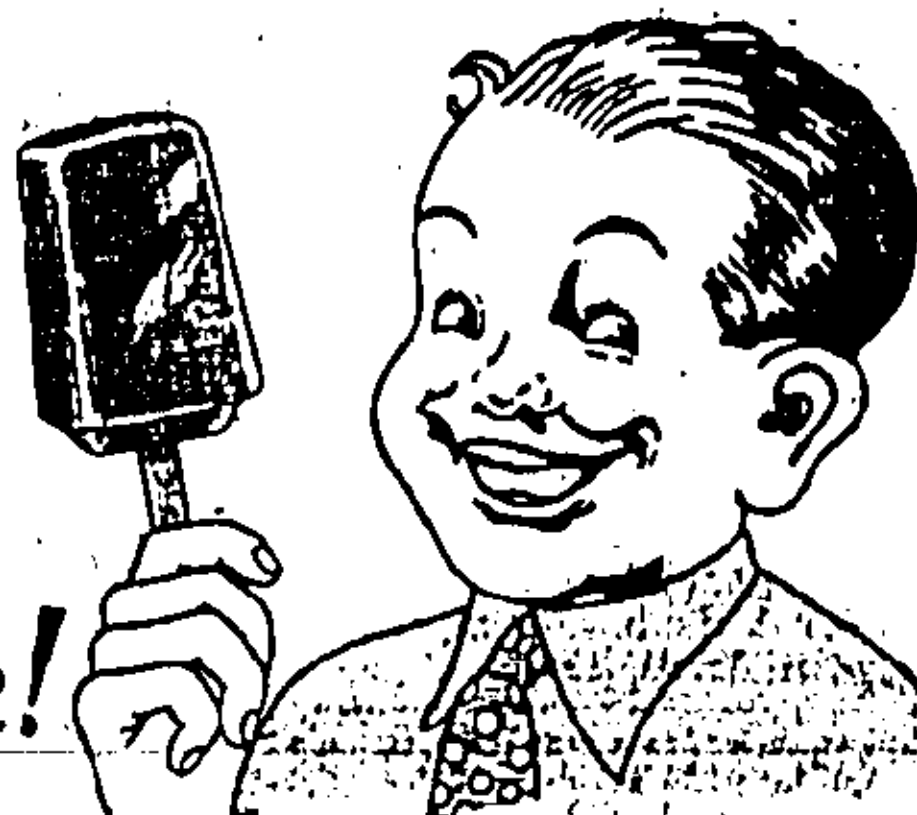
ROTTEN FORM OF FRAUD

"I think it is a rotten form of fraud on the public," said Mr. Clifford at the Central Magistracy yesterday when two black market ticket sellers appeared before him on a charge of selling tickets above the correct price. They were each fined \$200 or one month's imprisonment.

Insp. Brownrigg said that defendants, Au Ping, 19, had nine tickets in his possession and was selling them at \$1.50 when the correct price is \$1.20 each. Tam Keung, 20, had three tickets and was selling them at \$1 each instead of 70 cents. Both were arrested outside the Oriental Theatre.

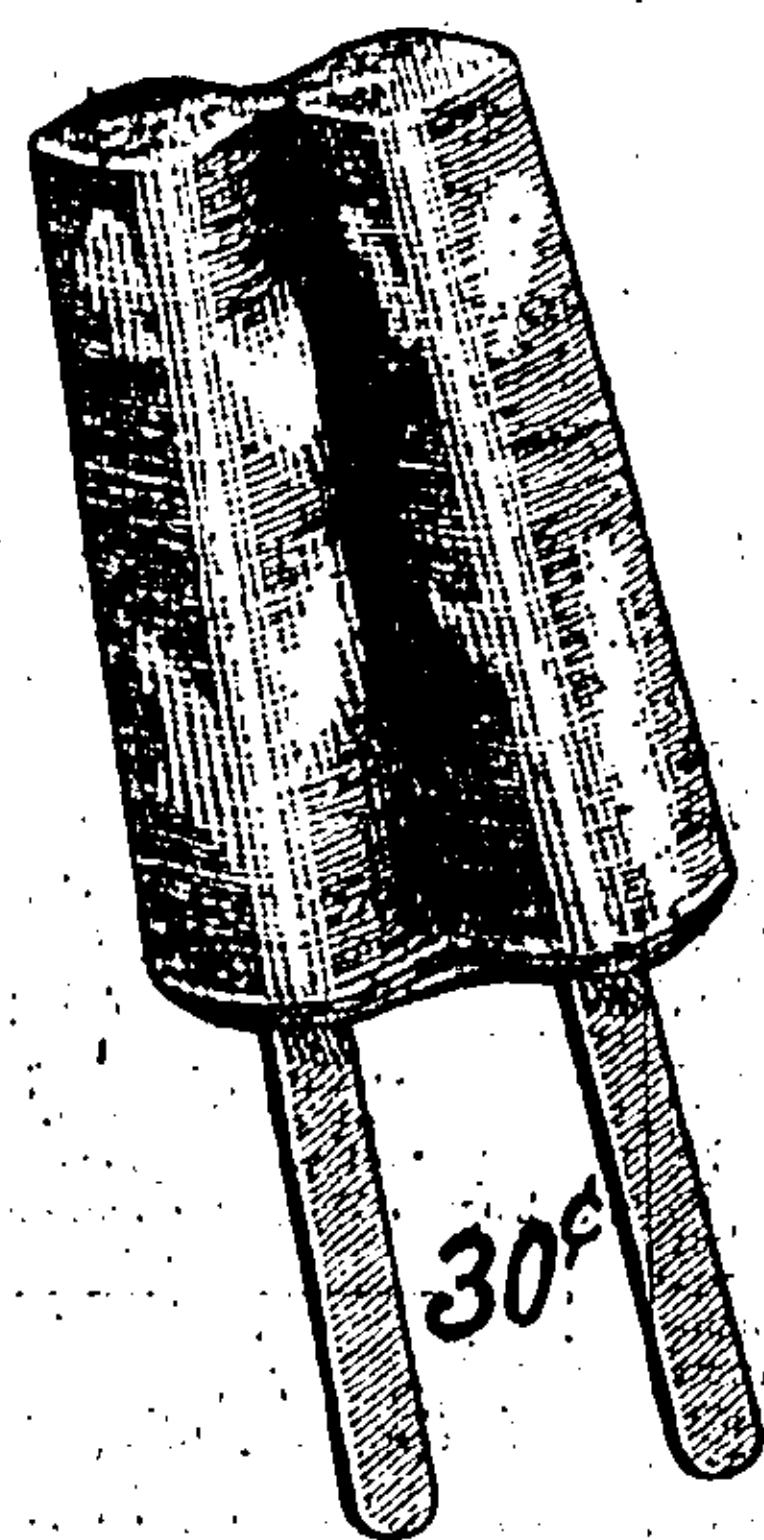
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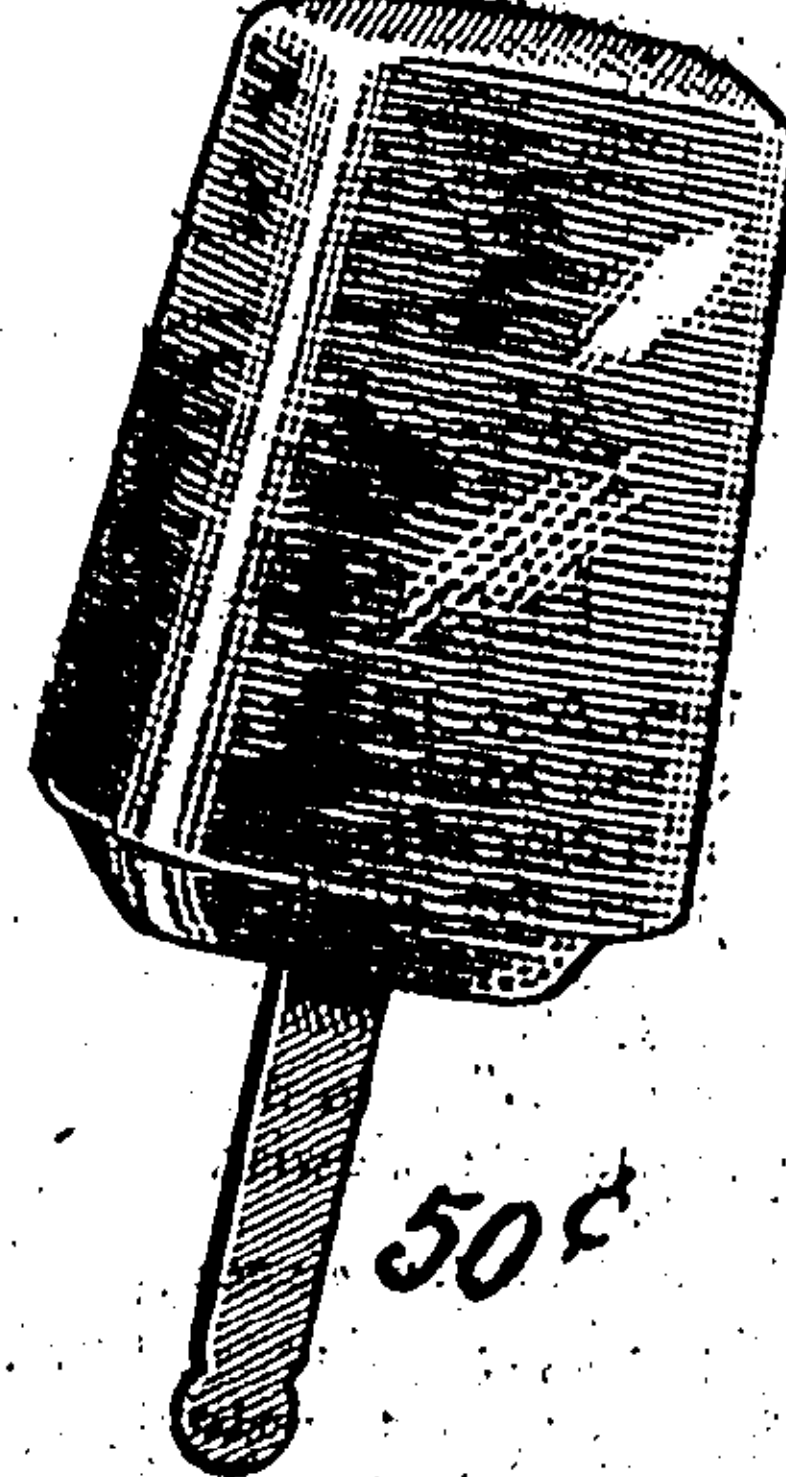
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EVICTON APPLICATION BY MACKINTOSH'S LTD. Witness Protests To Tribunal

An application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited of Alexandra Building, for an eviction order against L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach of Mayo's Shoppe, was part heard before Mr. D. L. Strollott, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A" at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. B. C. Field, Secretary of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., who was the only witness called at yesterday's hearing, protested against being subpoenaed as a witness on the ground that he was an interested party.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, is appearing for Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited, applicants.

The opponents, Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach, are represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

In their pleadings, opponents claim that they became tenants of the disputed premises under the following circumstances.

At the time of the outbreak of the Pacific War, the first opponent was the tenant of premises at No. 1 South Arcade, Gloucester Building, where he carried on the business of a hat-maker under the style or firm name of Mayo's Shoppe. First opponent had then been in occupation of these premises for some eight years. During the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, the tenants of Gloucester Building were ordered to vacate. The first opponent was compelled to remove from the said building to the premises in dispute. Upon the re-occupation, Mr. Mercado requested the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., to be reinstated to his former premises, which the Company declined to do.

The Company, by letter dated Oct. 1, 1945, agreed to allow first opponent and second opponent to remain on the disputed premises on a monthly tenancy at the monthly rental of \$450 per month, plus rates. The opponents denied that the agreement with the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., contained the express term that the tenancy was terminable by one month's notice on the applicant's requiring their former premises for their business. Alternatively, if the said agreement did contain any such term, such agreement was in law and in fact superseded by the later agreement made between the applicants and the opponents whereby the opponents became tenants of the applicants as from Sept. 1, 1945.

Notices Affixed

Lastly, opponents claimed that no hardship would be caused to the applicants by not granting

the order for eviction of the opponents, because the applicants had already sufficient accommodation for their business at 7B Alexandra Building. On the other hand, the eviction of the opponents would result in their being driven out of business and deprived of their means of livelihood.

Opening the case for the applicants, Mr. Wright said that at the outbreak of the Pacific War, applicants were the tenants of two shops in Alexandra Building, 7B and 7C. The owners of the building in which these two shops were located were The Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited. On the occupation of the Colony, Mr. Mackintosh, managing director of the applicants, was interned in Stanley. The other directors and the rest of the European staff were prisoners of war at Shamshuipo Camp. Prior to the war, Mr. Mercado carried on business at No. 1 South Arcade, Gloucester Building.

On or about Sept. 4, 1945, Mr. Mercado, a director of applicants, was released from Camp and he found the opponents, Mr. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach, sharing Shop 7C and using applicant's fixtures and fittings. Mr. Mercado at once had two types of notices printed, one of which read: "Premises belong to Mackintosh's Ltd." This notice was put up on both shops, 7B and 7C. The other notice, which read: "Property of Mackintosh's Ltd." was affixed to the various fixtures and fittings. This was done with the permission of Mr. Mercado.

Notice To Quit

At this time, there was no possibility of applicant's resuming business immediately owing to lack of stock and the fact that all the staff required leave at home to recuperate after internment. However, Mr. Mercado had discussions with Mr. Field of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., and as a result, a temporary monthly tenancy in respect of shop 7C was granted to opponents.

It would be established by evidence that the opponents knew and agreed that the tenancy would terminate when the applicants returned to the Colony to commence business. Mr. Mercado would say that he had frequent conversations with Mr. Mercado, with whom he was on friendly terms, and that he had made it quite clear that applicants were going to restart later and that they would require the entire premises of 7B and 7C. On Oct. 4, 1945, Mr. Mercado departed for England and did not return until July 25, 1946. Before Mr. Mercado left, Mrs. Kovach approached him and alleged that Mr. Mackintosh had assured her that she would be granted a tenancy of a small portion in 7C. Mr. Mercado would say that he told Mrs. Kovach in no uncertain terms that Mr. Mackintosh required the whole of the premises and that she could not expect to acquire any portion of them.

On the day following the return of Mr. Mercado, notice to quit was given to opponents by Mr. Field. At the expiration of the period specified in the notice to quit, namely, Aug. 31, 1946, the opponents became statutory tenants and the case for the applicants was that they remained as such up to the present time.

Deadlock

As a result of an agreement between Mr. Field and Mr. Mercado, Mackintosh's took over the tenancy of the premises on a monthly basis from Sept. 1, 1946, subject to the statutory tenancy of the opponents. The reason for the agreement was that applicant's pre-war tenancy had expired during the occupation and on re-occupation they had no

Tobacco Find

A party of Revenue officers, under Mr. D. H. Knox, raided 920 Canton Road, second floor, at 10.30 p.m. on Thursday and found 397 lbs. of prepared Chinese tobacco on the premises.

Cheung Mui, a 55-year-old woman, who claimed ownership was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon yesterday. The duty, said Revenue Officer Knox, was \$1,101, but the loss of revenue by the Government was considerably greater as the woman stated that she had been buying and selling dutiable tobacco since the re-occupation. She was sentenced to a month's imprisonment without the option of a fine.

tenancy, but were just staking their claim.

Mr. Mercado, by a letter of Aug. 21, 1946, signified his agreement to deal direct with the applicants, who maintained that it was clear from the subsequent correspondence between the three parties that applicants never for a moment altered their intention about acquiring the entire premises for their business. When the opponents failed to vacate as a result of the notice to quit, a complete deadlock was reached because under the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation, the applicants could not get them out. Applicants had to pay the rent for the entire premises to the owners and continued to collect rent from the opponents, which they were quite entitled to do without waiving any of their rights under the original agreement. Mr. Wright then quoted authorities to support his contention.

Witness Protests

In this connection, Mr. Wright submitted that it was the case for the applicants that they were entitled to an eviction order under Section 18 (f) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which stipulated that the occupant should vacate the premises on the return of the former tenants.

Mr. Field, who was then called and who was appearing on subpoena, protested against being called as a witness. He said that he was somewhat prejudiced in the case in that he was representing the landlords and had very strong personal opinions as to fairness.

After it had been pointed out by Mr. Wright that Mr. Field had to be called and that it could not be helped if Mr. Field's memory did not serve him the latter said that the principal tenants of the premises were actually Messrs. A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd.

When he came out of Shamshuipo Camp on Aug. 31, 1945, he noticed that Mayo's Shoppe was occupying No. 7C, while the whole of No. 7B was locked up. There were all kinds of considerations. They might have been good tenants as regards Alexandra Building and they might not have been good tenants in Gloucester Building because it was not suitable for their type of business.

Returning, Mr. Field said that on Oct. 1, 1945, he wrote to the manager of Mayo's shop offering them a tenancy, at the same time pointing out that the former tenants did not wish to resume occupation for some months. Prior to this, he was quite aware that applicants wanted the premises back. He decided to be fair to all parties concerned in the light of the conditions then prevailing, irrespective as to what had happened before the war.

When he offered the monthly tenancy to Mr. Mercado, he did not know that there would be any

restrictions on the usual effect of such tenancy in regard to notice to quit. He had in mind that this monthly tenancy could be terminated in due course when applicants were free to come back, but there was no definite commitment to applicants, as he was anxious to help everybody as much as possible. In fairness, he must say that he had never contemplated turning Mayo's out into the streets.

He did not agree that the offer to Mr. Mercado was dependent on applicant's requirements, nor that he committed himself definitely to applicants, they might go into liquidation. However, he did have applicant's requirements at the back of his mind. On Sept. 19, 1945, Mr. Mercado told him that he would like the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., to let the premises temporarily to other people and to let him arrange with the occupants for the use of the show cases etc. Mr. Field said that he did not remember committing himself to anything. He could not remember whether it was or was not a term of the original arrangement that opponents should vacate on the return of applicants.

Not Liked

He did not remember making a definite stipulation to opponents that they must vacate on return of the applicants. The very fact that he gave a tenancy determinable on one month's notice left him free to determine the month's notice without making any stipulation for reasonable termination of the tenancy. On July 26, 1946, notice to quit was given to Mayo's at the request of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who had written on behalf of applicants. The letter to Mayo's referred to an understanding of the month's notice, but Mr. Field said that he presumed that the reference to an understanding meant the arrangement regarding a temporary tenancy and that opponents would give up possession on return of the applicants. Taking the letters together, he presumed that that was the intention, but he could not remember clearly.

When asked about opponents' re-action to the notice to quit, Mr. Field said that they did not like it at all. In reply, they wrote asking for alternative accommodation. An answer pointing out the previous arrangement, was sent to opponents.

Answering Mr. Bernacchi, witness said that the notice to quit of July 26, 1946, did not supersede subsequent negotiations. He did not really expect that opponents would give up possession. The object of the notice to quit was to determine the relationship between his Company and opponents.

It was intended to leave applicants to deal with the situation. Mr. Field said that he did not regard the notice to quit as terminating any tenancy to opponents, statutory or otherwise, to applicants. He could not remember if he had any conversation with Mr. Mercado or with the representatives of the applicants before notice to quit concerning future relationships between applicants and opponents. Applicants occupied more than 75 per cent of the total premises let.

Hearing was then formally adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, Apr. 23.

WOMEN ON GRAVE CHARGE

Muy Cheo-ching alias Li Pui-ying, 36, and Chan Yuk-shin (35), both married women, of 10 Cheung Sha Wan Road, second floor, were remanded for three days by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of procuring an abortion on March 25.

Applying for the remand, Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts said that the woman concerned was still in the Kowloon Hospital in a fairly serious condition.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman will appear for the prosecution, and Mr. C. A. Sutherland Rusa for the first defendant, said DSI Roberts.

TALK ON FILMS

At its next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 20th April, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hear Rotarian Harry Odell speak on "The Film Industry". The meeting will take place in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

Robbery Charge Against Alleged Wood Murderers

Committed by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on Friday last on the charge of the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood near Lion's Rock on Feb. 11, Lau Hoi alias Lau Yun-hoi (20) and Ho Cheuk-kui (26) appeared before the same Magistrate at Kowloon yesterday charged with armed robbery at Pa Tang (Kowloon City Rifle Range) on Jan. 29.

After evidence was heard, both defendants were committed for trial on the new count.

According to the prosecution, six occupants of the warden's hut at Pa Tang were asleep on the night of Jan. 28.

Just after midnight, Lau Sang, a vegetable gardener, got up and saw a shadow at the side of the kitchen. By the light of his torch Lau saw a Chinese.

"Robbers," the intruder, was alleged, said "Not robbers, but the Red Army," adding that there were six or seven of them.

Two other inmates, hearing Lau's shout, came out and were immediately surrounded by six or seven men armed with a revolver, a handgrenade, a chopper, a sickle and an iron bar. They were taken back to their rooms and bound with ropes taken from the vegetable baskets.

At 3.40 a.m. on Jan. 29, a report was made to the Kowloon City Police Station by Lau Sang and Ng Kam-hung, and Det. Inspector C. Y. Shui and Sub-Inspector Macdonald led a Police party to the scene. No trace of the robbers could be found.

In the early hours of Feb. 23, defendants were arrested in a hut at the Sang Lee Yuen Gardens, said DSI Matches, and the first accused was identified by Ng on Feb. 25 and Li Kiu (Ng's wife) the following day. Lau was unable to identify anybody at the parade as he had his head covered during the robbery.

Lau's Story

In evidence, Lau stated that when he got back to his room two of the robbers, one armed

with a sickle and the other an iron bar, cut some strings and rope from his vegetable basket, and bound his and his son's hands behind their backs.

They were then taken to the room occupied by Ng Kam-hung and his wife, Li Kiu, and made to sit on the same bed as the occupants, both of whom he noticed, had their hands tied behind their backs and their heads covered with pieces of cloth.

His and his son's hands were also covered with cloths, said witness, who added that some 10 minutes later his wife was brought in and made to sit on the bed with them.

They remained in the room, guarded by a robber armed with a revolver, for about two hours. When he heard the intruders leaving he shouted out for Tee Shing and Ng Ku-shing as they were not in the same room as the others.

These two shouted back that they were in the adjoining room which the robbers could not break into, witness. The two men came and released them, concluded Lau.

Court Orders Inquiry

"It is possible that he could have the money taken from him by the folk. I should like you to make inquiries and let me know the results," said Mr. A. J. Clifford at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a hawker declared that his money (\$40) was taken from his pocket by one of the Health Department folk.

Inspector Fox, of the Health Department, said he was present when the man was arrested. He was sure no-one took his money as he was only a few yards away at the time of his arrest. Insp. Fox added that unlicensed hawkers had a gang and they were doing all in their power to get some of the most efficient folk from the Health Department dismissed by inventing a lot of cock-and-bull stories.

The man in question was Li Hing, who appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of hawking food for man in a place other than the market in Wanchai. He pleaded "Guilty" and on hearing that he was to be sentenced to two months' hard labour without the option of a fine he made the allegation.

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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 16th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:-

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING P. & O. B. I. & E. & A. BILLS OF LADING

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovementioned Company will be held at 601/608 Marina House, Hongkong, on Thursday, 6th May, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1947, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

Blank proxy forms are obtainable at 601/608 Marina House, Hongkong. Proxies must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting. Only a Shareholder may be appointed proxy.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 26th April to the 6th May 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1948.

SAMAGAGA RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, Hongkong)

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovementioned Company will be held at 601/608 Marina House, Hongkong, on Thursday, 6th May, 1948, at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1947, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

Blank proxy forms are obtainable at 601/608 Marina House, Hongkong. Proxies must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting. Only a Shareholder may be appointed proxy.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 26th April to the 6th May 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 15th April, 1948.

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ACCUSED OF SPYING BY HIS SECRETARY

Moscow, Apr. 15. Espionage charges against Mr. Robert Magidoff, a United States radio reporter in Moscow, by his American secretary, Miss Cecilia Nelson, were today splashed across two columns of Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper.

Miss Nelson, who has been Mr. Magidoff's secretary since 1944, said that she had passed to the Soviet authorities documents she had accidentally discovered in his files "and which had found their way to him through the United States Embassy in Moscow."

"When I had read all these letters," she said, "it became absolutely clear to me that Mr. Magidoff is making use of his sojourn in the U.S.S.R. in the capacity of a correspondent for espionage, and is engaged in intelligence work directed against the Soviet Union."

Miss Nelson's letter, accusing Mr. Magidoff of espionage, said she was convinced he was progressive in outlook and objective towards the Soviet Union until a few days ago she accidentally found papers which had not passed through her hands, but had reached him through the United States Embassy.

In her letter, she accused him of the closest contact with the Military and Naval Attaches at the Embassy, and of having used the diplomatic bag to transmit information.

Direct Assignments
"From these documents, it is evident that Mr. Magidoff systematically received from the United States assignments in regard to collecting spy information in the Soviet Union," she wrote.

One continued "the direct assignment to collect detailed information on underground construction" and included such questions as: "Where are the constructions situated? Can defence against poison gases be secured? Can they be defended against radio active particles?"

Another question read, according to the letter: "What research is being carried out in the field of atomic energy? Be as precise as possible."

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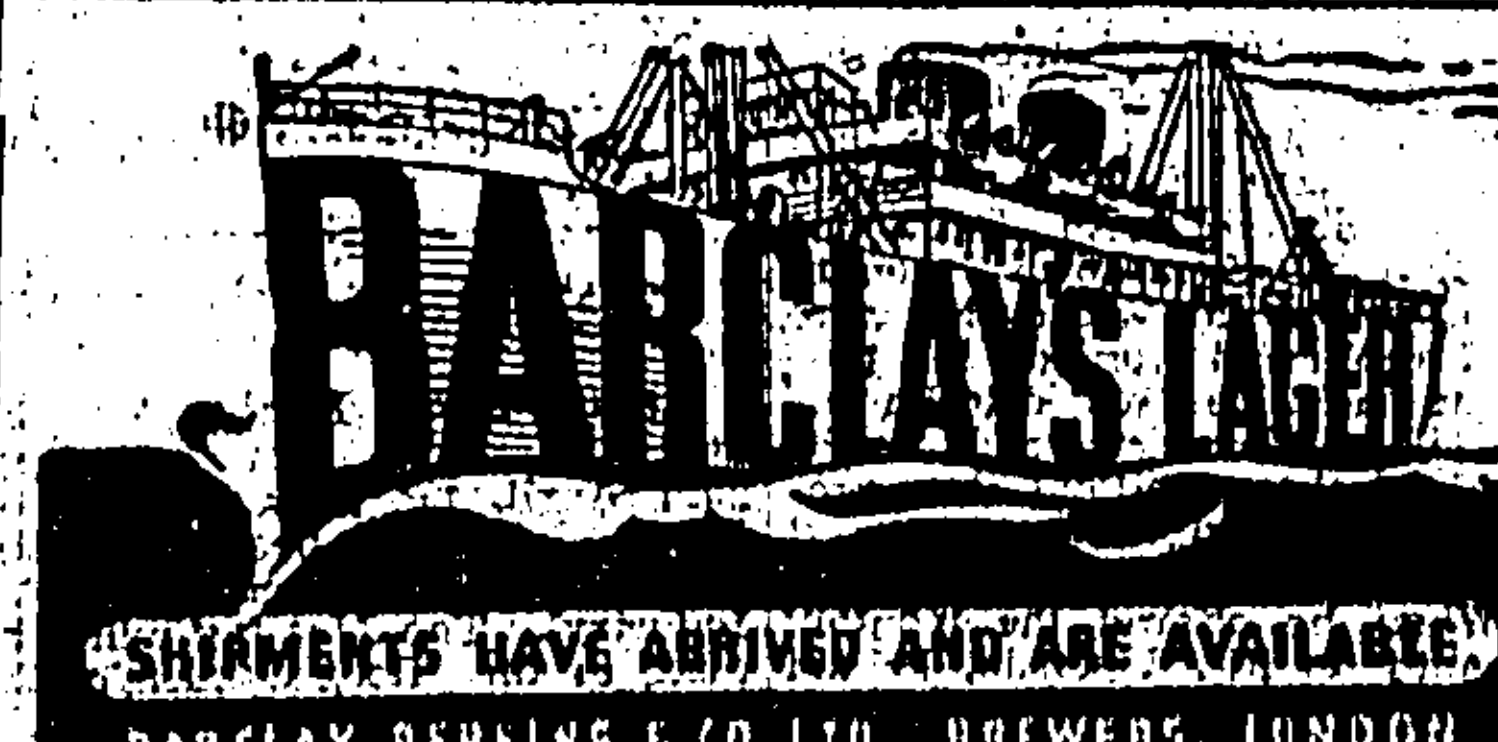
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Red Light in Paris

Paris, Apr. 15. A drive, a brothel, a restaurant, a bar, a French social workers and health officials who fear that the law which closed these houses on April 15, 1945, may after the same, fate as the American prohibition amendment. -Reuter.

MANUEL ROXAS DEAD

(Continued from Page 1)

Flags were flown at half-mast at the Philippine Consulate, which was closed yesterday and will remain closed today, and at other Consulates in the Colony yesterday.

First condolence message received yesterday morning by Mr. E. D. Belau, Philippine Consul in Hong Kong, was from Dr. V. N. Alencar, President of the Filipino Club, followed later by similar messages from the American Consul-General, Mr. G. D. Hopper, the Hong Kong Brewery, the Commercial Airlines, the Philippine Air Lines, the Far East Commercial Company.

Messages of sympathy and condolences were sent direct to the British Minister at Manila by Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander of the British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd, for transmission to Madame Roxas.

It was less than a month ago since Admiral and Lady Boyd met President and Madame Roxas at Manila during the visit of U.S.S. "Albatross" (C-123) and "Albatross" to the Philippine capital.

Message Of Condolence

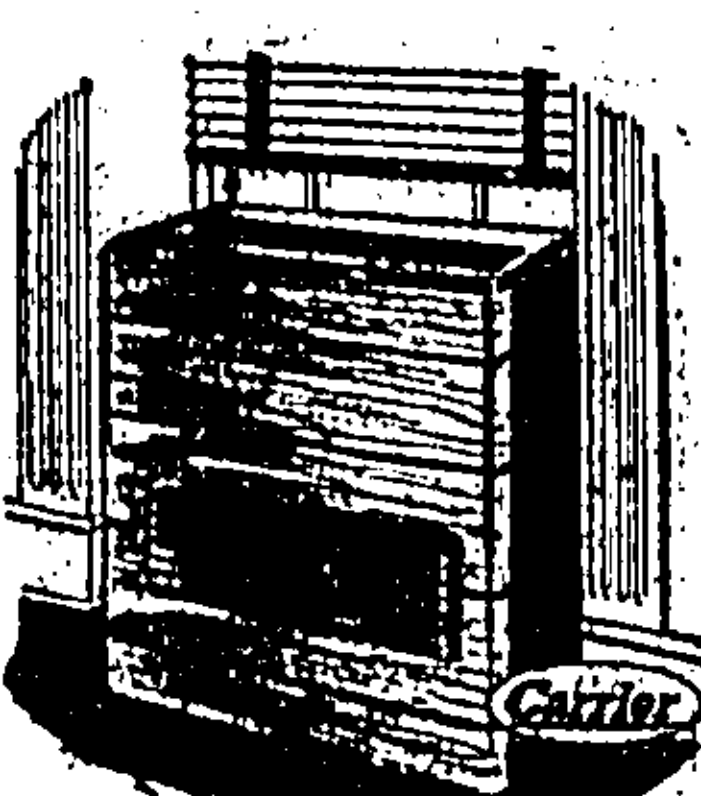
The following telegram has been sent by His Excellency the Governor to His Excellency the Philippine Minister in Manila: "Please convey to the Government of the Philippine Republic an expression of the deep sympathy which the Government and people of Hong Kong feel for the people of the Philippines in the death of the late President Roxas."

The Colonial Secretary has sent a letter of sympathy to the Philippine Consul in Hong Kong which reads: "His Excellency the Governor has asked me to express to you the profound sympathy of the people and the Government of Hong Kong for the death of His Excellency Manuel Roxas, President of the Republic of the Philippines, which you announced in your letter to me of April 14th."

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Electioneering Reaching Climax

Rome, Apr. 15.

A strong force of armed Italian police encircled Rome's ghetto tonight after rumours that Fascists intended a repetition of last night's incident in which the Jewish quarter was invaded by youths singing Fascist songs.

With only one more day to go before the election campaign finishes at midnight tomorrow, Rome's political meetings were filled to overflowing.

Thousands of people assembled in the great Piazza del Popolo to hear Signor Guecelme Giannini, one of the leaders of the Right Wing National bloc. The latest Right Wing posters in Rome streets show a young Italian prisoner-of-war, emaciated and in rags, struggling over the snows of the Russian Steppes and shouting: "Do not vote for the Popular Front."

Among the latest Leftwing propaganda is an allegation that high Vatican officials, including a Cardinal, are involved in a £10,000 swindle over foreign currency deal.

Scattered outbreaks of violence from the far North of Italy to the extreme South were reported today as the electioneering tension rose before the vital poll on Sunday, which will determine Italy's place in the future European pattern.

Mantua Strike

Servadio, a town in the north of Italy in the province of Mantua was gripped by a general strike called by the local labour organisation in protest against the arrest of the Communist Mayor after a machine-gun, three German rifles, and ammunition, were found in his house.

The strike was called off tonight. Two policemen were wounded. The Jewish quarter of Rome was cleared up today after a group of some 200 Neo-Fascists had invaded the narrow streets last night shouting: "Death to the Jews" and beating those they found. Four people were seriously injured.

In the far South, at Lavello, near Reggio, the Bishop of Foglia and several priests with him were said to have been insulted and man-handled by Leftwing supporters during a religious procession.

Red Point

At Montevarchi, near Florence, a worker climbed on to the rostrum while a member of the anti-Communist National Bloc was speaking, and splashed the orator's face with a brushful of red paint. He was taken into custody.

Police were still discovering large quantities of hidden arms in the Venice area. They unearthed other arms dumps when searching around Bari in the extreme southeast of the country.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italy's Christian Democrat Premier, continuing his tour of Sicily, today addressed 30,000 people at Catanzarotta.

No visas for foreigners to enter Rome are being granted after the general election, the Italian Embassy in Paris stated today. The campaign for Italy's first general election in 25 years comes to an end at midnight tomorrow, the Ministry of the Interior announced today.

The Ministry denied reports that electioneering would go on until midnight on Saturday.

356 Parties

No fewer than 350 political parties are contesting Sunday's election but only 12 of them are of real importance. These fall into two main groups—Rightwing and Moderates in the first

group, standing for free enterprise and the Marshall plan aid, and the extreme Leftwing and the Communists in the second group, rejecting Marshall aid and demanding the socialisation of the country.

A Belgrade despatch today quoted the official newspaper of the Cominform for charges that 10 trains a week, travelling by night, carrying arms and ammunition, were leaving the American Zone of Germany for Italy through Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass, guarded by American soldiers assuming civilian clothes at the Italian frontier.

The writer claimed the arms were distributed to "the so-called Italian Liberation Army."—Reuter.

M.P. KILLED

Toronto, Apr. 15. William Robertson, 51, native of Bothwellhaugh, Scotland, member of the Ontario Legislature died today from injuries suffered in a car accident.—Associated Press.

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Sorry And Surprised

Washington, Apr. 15. President Truman said today he was both "sorry and surprised" by the recent disturbances in Bogota, Colombia, where a week-end revolt interrupted the Pan-American Conference. He endorsed the view expressed by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, who is at Bogota, that the disturbances had shown the world the danger of Communism.—Reuter.

Americans 'In A Panic'

London, Apr. 14. A British newspaper editor said today that Americans are in a panic over the prospect of war.

Frank Owen, 42-year-old editor of the Daily Mail, fresh from a tour of the U.S. said: "The war scare which is raging there is almost terrifying. I tried to explain to them that we did not share their worst fears about the Russians."

Americans are in a bigger panic than our Foreign Office was here last week over the Anglo-American-Russian differences in Berlin, and that is saying something," Owen said. He added that as fears mount in the United States, the feeling for Britain grows more friendly.—Associated Press.

New Attack On Cholera

London, Apr. 15. Successes in the treatment of cholera by a new sulphonamide compound provisionally called "G.257" are reported in today's British Medical Journal.

In field trials carried out by Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar in Madras last year, 82 of 85 patients survived. The three who died were in the group of those most seriously ill.

"The improvement, even 24 hours, appears to have been remarkable," the Journal said. "As a rule, patients could be said to have recovered at the end of 72 hours."

"It would be rash to assert that a panacea for cholera has been obtained. Nevertheless, the results are so striking that they merit further investigation on the widest possible scale."—Reuter.

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1.45 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.
1.55 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
2.00 p.m.—Music Hall Memories.
2.05 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—A Light Concert.
6.05 p.m.—"My Songs for You" Sung by Maurice Keary.
6.45 p.m.—"Ferry Lou at the Piano" (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—"Unit Requests" Linda Cater (Studio).
7.18 p.m.—"15th Field Regt. Tallam" (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—"See Tee" Soccer Commentary (Studio).
8.10 p.m.—Interlude.
8.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
8.30 p.m.—"Detection Club", "A Nice Cup of Tea" by Anthony Gilbert (London Relay).
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.16 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse "October Man" with John Mills, Joan Greenwood and Noel Arden who acts as our Story-teller.
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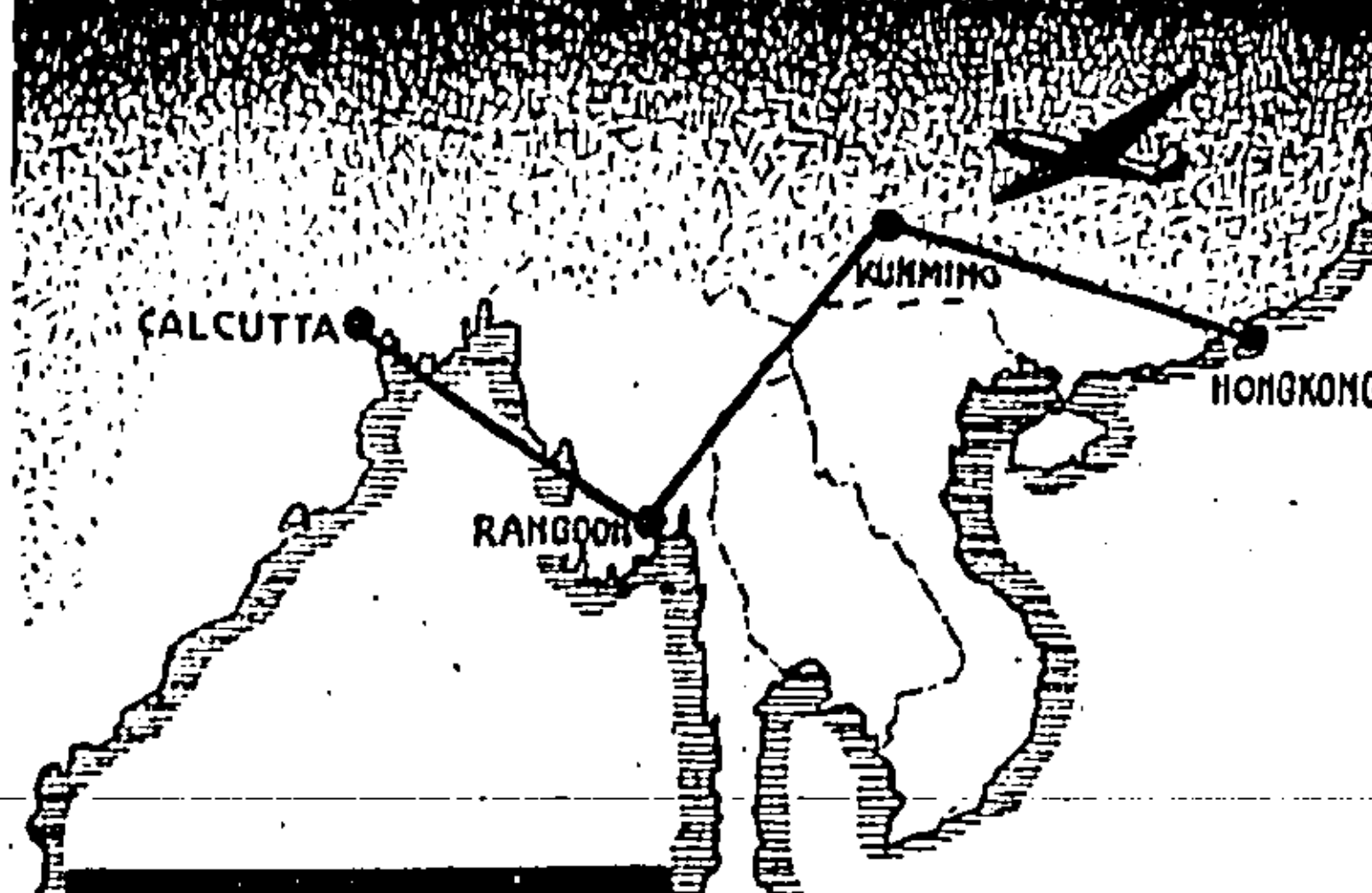
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ITALIAN ELECTIONS

What gives special importance to Italian elections to be held tomorrow is their timing. Had they been held last year they would not have seemed, as they do now, to constitute a test of international policy. They were delayed for one reason or another, mainly because the constituent assembly took longer to frame the Republican constitution than had been expected. It could scarcely have been foreseen that they would fall at a moment when tension between the supporters and the opponents of the European Recovery Programme was at its height.

As it is, the organs of Soviet and Communist propaganda in Eastern Europe have for weeks past spared no effort to denounce the sinister designs of the Right and Centre parties in Italy, while Western countries have not disguised their vital interest in preservation of Italian freedom. Western demarche over Trieste was only one of a long series of diplomatic inducements, which include Soviet agitation in favour of British withdrawal from the former Italian colonies and a statement by the Polish Government that it would be happy to see these colonies placed under Italian trusteeship. Moreover, a recent warning from the State Department indicated that victory for the left-wing alliance would disqualify Italy from further aid. The gravity of this warning can be measured by the fact that Italy has received American aid to tune of about US\$2,000,000 over last five years. After this barrage from both sides it is certain that the electors will have foreign policy in the forefront of their minds when their choice is made.

Still Trying

The suggestion is still being put about, though as yet in no "official" form, that it is the duty of the British Government to postpone the ending of the Palestine Mandate for three more months. It is a suggestion which would have to be seriously considered if there were any real ground for thinking that such a postponement would materially improve the situation. But, in fact, there seems no reason whatever to believe that the situation in August would be any different from the situation in May. The tragic fact is that a state of civil war already exists. It can be ended in only one of two ways. One is by the intervention of an outside Power prepared to use, for an indefinite period, strong forces far more ruthlessly than Britain is prepared to do. But a foreign totalitarian regime is no solution of the problem. The other is by a settlement reached by the Arabs and the Jews themselves. In the long run that must come. If the Arab and Jewish leaders will themselves face the realities, a settlement could still come without a long, bloody and devastating struggle. But it would not be brought a day nearer by continuing the British administration for a day longer.

Tragic Death

The sudden death from a heart attack of President Roxas has caused a profound shock in every part of the world where his work for the Philippines was known and appreciated. President Roxas has been a powerful leader at a time when the young Republic has needed him most and his achievements in reconstruction and rehabilitation have been conspicuous. It is a tragic thing



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thought and action, and British sympathy or even admiration for Germany found powerful expression.

The League of Nations had no sooner been created than it received its almost mortal blow. The United States abandoned President Wilson's offspring. The President himself, ready to do battle for his ideals, suffered a paralytic stroke just as he was setting forth on his campaign, and lingered henceforward a futile wreck for a great part of two long and vital years, at the end of which his party and his policy were swept away by the Republican Presidential victory of 1920. Across the Atlantic on the morrow of the Republican success, isolationist conceptions prevailed. Europe must be left to stew in its own juice, and must pay its lawful debts. At the same time tariffs were raised to prevent the entry of the goods by which alone these debts could be discharged. At the Washington Conference of 1920, far-reaching proposals for naval disarmament were made by the United States, and the British and American Government proceeded to sink their battleships and break up their military establishments with gusto. It was argued in odd logic that it would be immoral to disarm the vanquished unless the victors also stripped themselves of their weapons. The finger of Anglo-American reprobation was presently to be pointed at France, deprived alike of the Rhine frontier and of her treaty guarantee, for maintaining, even on a greatly reduced scale, a French Army based upon universal service.

The United States made it clear to Britain that the continuance of her alliance with Japan, to which the Japanese had punctiliously conformed, would constitute a barrier in Anglo-American relations. Accordingly this alliance was brought to an end. The annulment caused a profound impression in Japan, and was viewed as the spawning of an Asiatic Power by the Western world. Many links were sundered which might afterwards have proved of decisive value to peace. At the same time, Japan could console herself with the fact that the downfall of Germany and Russia had, for a time, raised her to the third place among the world's naval Powers, and that to Britain the highest naval rank was still hers.

Though the Washington Naval Agreement prescribed a lower ratio of strength in capital ships for Japan than for Britain and the United States (five: five: three), the quota assigned to her was well up to her building and financial capacity for a good many years, and she watched with active interest the new leading naval Power cutting each other down far below what their resources would have permitted and what their responsibilities enjoined. Thus, both in Europe and in Asia, conditions were swiftly created by the victorious Allies which, in the name of peace, cleared the way for the renewal of war.

While all these untoward events were taking place, amid a ceaseless chatter of well-meant platitudes on both sides of the Atlantic, a new and more terrible cause of quarrel than the Imperialism of Czars and Kaisers became apparent in Europe. The Civil War in Russia ended in the absolute victory of the Bolshevik Revolution. The Soviet Armies which advanced to subjugate Poland were indeed repulsed in the battle of Warsaw, but Germany and Italy nearly succumbed to Communist propaganda and design. Hungary actually fell for a while under the control of

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the Communist dictator, Bela Kun. Although Marshal Foch wisely observed that "Bolshevism had never crossed the frontiers of victory," the foundations of European civilisation trembled in the early post-war years. Fascism was the shadow or ugly child of Communism. While Corporal Hitler was making himself useful to the German officer-class in Munich by arousing soldiers and workers to fierce hatred of Jews and Communists on whom he laid the blame of Germany's defeat, another adventurer, Benito Mussolini, provided Italy with a new theme of government which, while it claimed to have the Italian people from Communism raised, in fact sprang from Communism, so Nazism developed from Fascism. Thus were set on foot those kindred movements which were destined soon to plunge the world into even more hideous strife, which none can say has ended with their destruction.

Nevertheless, one solid security for peace remained. Germany was disarmed. All her artillery and weapons were destroyed. Her fleet had already sunk itself in Scapa Flow. Her vast army was disbanded. By the Treaty of Versailles, only a professional long-service army, not exceeding 100,000 men, and unable on this basis to accumulate reserves, was permitted to Germany for purposes of internal order. The annual quotas of recruits no longer were dissolved. Every effort was made to reduce to a tithe the German General Staff. No military force of any kind was allowed. Submarines were forbidden, and the German navy was limited to a handful of vessels under 10,000 tons. Soviet Russia was barred off from Western Europe by a cordon of violently anti-Bolshevik States, who had broken away from the former Empire of the Czars in its new and more formidable form. Poland and Czechoslovakia raised independent heads, and seemed to stand erect in Central Europe. Hungary had recovered from her dose of Bela Kun. The French Army, resting upon its laurels, was incomparably the strongest military force in Europe, and it was for some years believed that the French Air Force was also of a high order.

Up till the year 1934 the power of the conquerors remained unchallenged in Europe and, indeed, throughout the world. There was no moment in these sixteen years when the three former Allies, or even Britain and France, with their associates in Europe, could not in the name of the League of Nations and under its moral and international shield, have controlled by a mere effort of the will the armed strength of Germany. Instead, until 1931 the victors, and particularly the United States, concentrated their efforts upon extorting by vexatious foreign controls their annual reparations from Germany. The fact that these payments were made only from far larger American loans reduced the whole process to the absurd. Nothing was respected except ill-will. On the other hand, the strict enforcement at any time till 1934 of the Disarmament Clause of the Peace Treaty would have guarded indefinitely, without violence or bloodshed, the peace and safety of mankind. But this was neglected while the infringements remained petty, and shunned as they assumed serious proportions. Thus the final safeguard of a long peace was cast away. The crimes of the vanquished find their background and their explanation,

though not, of course, their pardon, in the follies of the victors. Without these follies crime would have found neither temptation nor opportunity.

In these pages I attempt to recount some of the incidents and impressions which form in my mind the story of the coming upon mankind of the worst tragedy in its tumultuous history. This presented itself not only in the destruction of life and property inseparable from war. There had been fearful slaughters of soldiers in the First World War, and much of the accumulated treasure of the nations was consumed. Still apart from the vastness of the Russian Revolution, the main fabric of European civilisation remained erect at the close of the struggle. When the storm and dust of the cannonade passed suddenly away, the nations despite their enmities could still recognise each other as human beings. There was a common "professional" meeting-ground between military men who had fought one another. Vanquished and victors alike still preserved the semblance of civilised States. A solemn Peace was made which, apart from unenforceable financial aspects, embodied the principles which in the 19th century had increased the relations of enlightened peoples. The reign of law was proclaimed, and a World Instrument was forged to guard us all, and especially Europe, against a renewed convulsion.

Now in the Second World War every bond between man and man was to be torn. Crimes were committed by the German nations which they allowed themselves to be subjected, which find no equal in some of the wickedness with any that have darkened the human record. The wholesale massacre by systematised processes of six or seven millions of men, women and children in German execution camps executed in horror the rough and ready butcheries of Genghis Khan, and in scale reduces them to pigmy proportions. Deliberate extermination of whole populations was contemplated and pursued by both Germany and Russia in the Eastern war. The hideous process of bombarding cities from the air, once started by the Germans, was repeated twenty-fold by the overwhelming power of the Allies, and found its culmination in the use of the atomic bombs which obliterated Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We have at length emerged from a scene of material ruin and moral havoc the like of which had never darkened the imagination of former centuries. After all that we suffered and achieved we find ourselves still confronted with problems and perils not less but far more formidable than those through which we have so narrowly made our way.

It is my purpose, as one who lived and acted in these days, first to show how easily the tragedy of the Second World War could have been prevented; how the malice of the wicked was reinforced by the weakness of the virtuous; how the structure and habits of democratic States, unless they are welded into larger organisms, lack those elements of persistence and conviction which can alone give security to humble masses; how, even in matters of self-preservation, no policy is pursued for even ten or fifteen years at a time. We shall see how the counsels of prudence and restraint may become the prime agents of mortal danger; how the middle course adopted from desires for safety and a quiet life may be found to lead directly to the bull's-eye of disaster. We shall see how absolute is the need of a broad path of international action pursued by many States in common across the years, irrespective of the ebb and flow of national policies.

It was a simple policy to keep Germany disarmed and the victors adequately armed for 30 years, and in the meanwhile, even if a reconciliation could not be made with Germany, to build ever more strongly a true League of Nations capable of making sure that Treaties were kept or changed only by discussion and agreement. When three or four powerful Governments acting together have demanded the most fearful sacrifices from their peoples, when these have been given freely for the common cause, and when the long-for result has been attained, it would seem reasonable that concerted action should be preserved so that at least the essentials would not be cast away. But this modest requirement the might of civilization, learning, knowledge, science of the victors were unable to supply. They lived from hand to mouth and from day to day, and from one election to another, until, when scarcely 20 years were out, the dread signal of the Second World War was given, and we must wait of the sun of those who had fought and died so faithfully and well: Shoulder to shoulder, side by side.

They trudged away from life's broad wastes of light. "Sieghart," "Sasson," "Collected Poems."

(To be Continued)

On Monday, Mr. Churchill discusses Locrano, the 1929 "economic blitzard," and his relations with Stanley Baldwin. (World Copyright)

The Fuehrer does not believe that anything can be achieved at present by negotiation. England is not yet shaky enough nor sufficiently tired of war, and would interpret any attempt at negotiation as a sign of weakness.

In the East, naturally, the present moment is entirely unsuitable for indicating any readiness to negotiate. Stalin has the advantage, and however say it may be for someone in an advantageous situation to indicate his readiness to come to an arrangement, it is quite impossible for anyone at a temporary disadvantage to do so.

We must therefore try to survive this crisis, whatever the cost. It is refreshing to note that the Fuehrer's optimistic attitude seldom throughout this struggle. I saw him so tough and aggressive.

The Fuehrer told me in detail about the Duce's visit. The Duce's personality did not impress him as powerfully this time as at their earlier meetings. The main reason may be that the Duce now came to the Fuehrer without any power, and that the Fuehrer accordingly looked at him somewhat more critically. The Fuehrer expected that the first thing the Duce would do would be to wrack his brains on his betrayal. He gave no such indication, however, which showed his real limitations. He is not a revolutionary like the Fuehrer or Stalin.

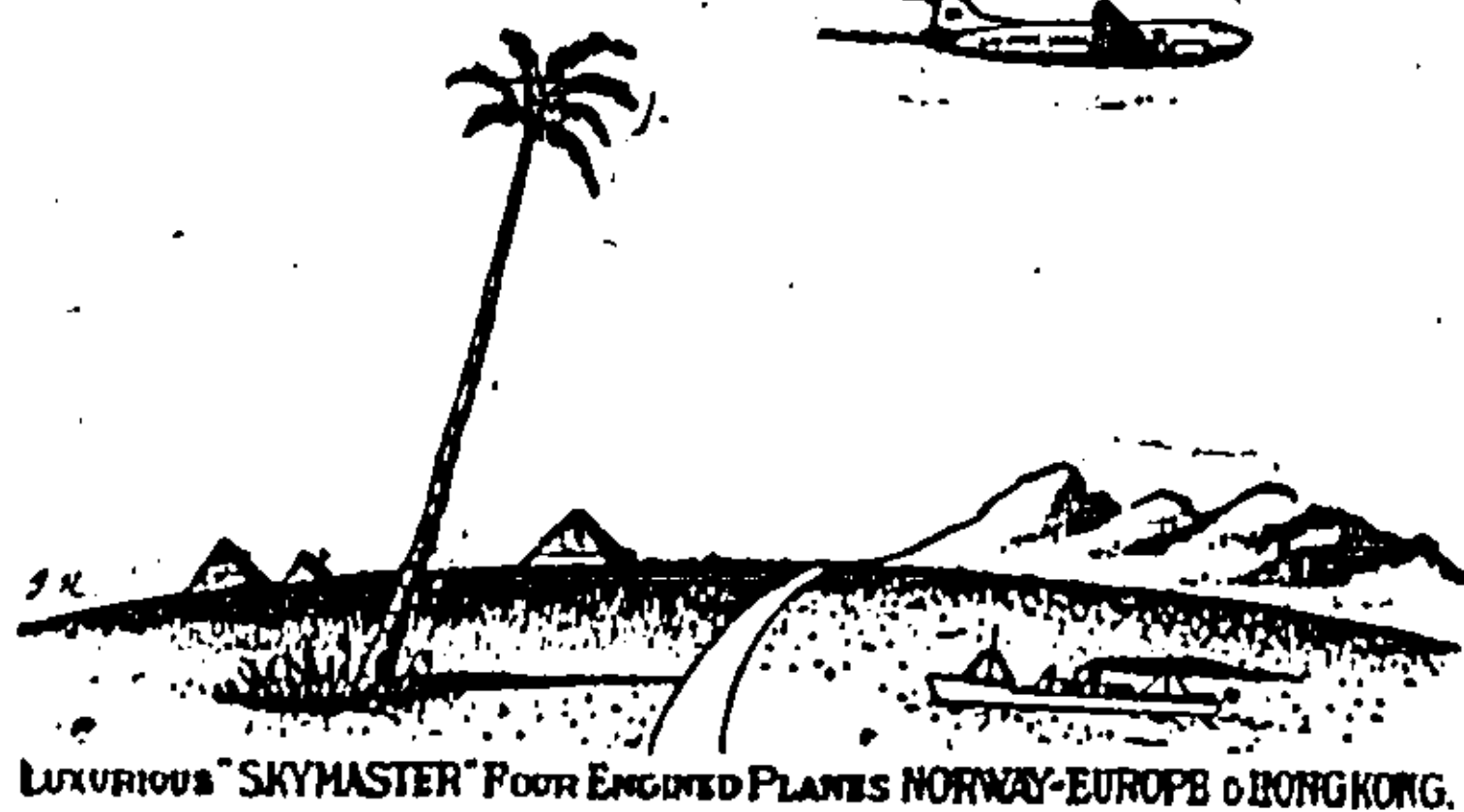
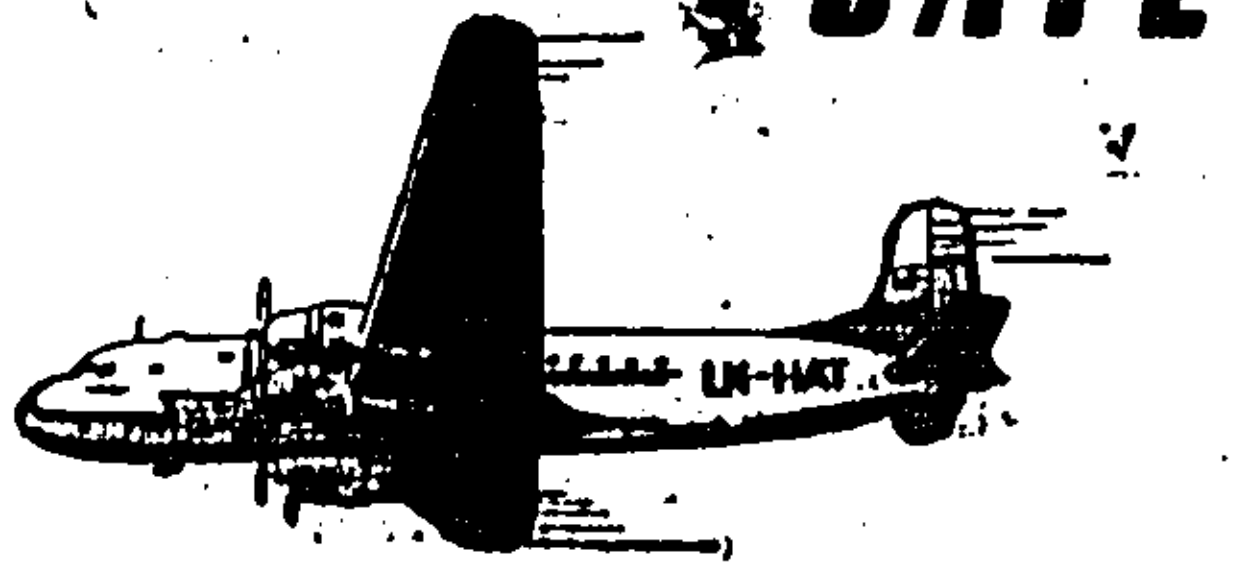
His daughter Edda and, through her, his son-in-law Ciano, are suffering an unenviable influence on him. Edda Mussolini has been in Germany several times. The Duce's opinion about Ciano, the result was a reconciliation between the Duce and Ciano. The Duce is naturally very much disappointed by Ciano's fall in his family. (To be Continued)

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Increasing Soviet Pressure Moscow Orders Berlin To Issue New Currency Another Wide Strip Of Land Closed To Traffic

Berlin, Apr. 15.

The Soviet military authorities in Germany have received orders from Moscow to go ahead with its plan for a separate currency reform in East-Germany, it was learned here today.
German circles, in close touch with both the German, administrative organ and the Russian Control officials said the Russian plan would come into effect at the end of May or early in June.

The details of the plan are not yet known, but it is understood that it follows generally the proposals made by the Russians when a quadripartite currency reform still seemed possible.

The "interests of the working class" will, however, receive special consideration in the Soviet scheme, which will "soak" the rich by cutting into large bank deposits while leaving small savings relatively unaffected.

The introduction of a new currency in the Eastern Zone may coincide with increased direct and indirect Russian pressure on the Western Allies to leave Berlin. At the moment, when the changeover is announced, traffic between the Western and the Soviet Zones is expected to be totally suspended for a few days at least.

Cut In Two

In Berlin itself, the Soviet sector will be included in the changeover, but the three Western sectors will be excluded, it was learned. The city will thus be cut in two and economic life may be at a standstill for a short time.

Political circles here hold the view that the Soviet authorities hope that this, coupled with increasingly irksome traffic regulations, will finally force the Western Allies out of the city.

The Russians have closed a wide strip of land adjoining the zone frontier to German vehicular traffic, the French licensed newspaper, Kurier, reported tonight.

Special permits must be obtained from the Soviet authorities for vehicles to enter this closed frontier area, the paper said.

The British inquiry, commission, investigating the cause of last week's fatal Viking-Yak air collision over Berlin, adjourned tonight after hearing evidence from German, American and British eyewitnesses.

A British spokesman said after the session that the inquiry was going "speedily" and the technical evidence was almost completed.

It is expected that the inquiry will be completed tomorrow when some of today's witnesses may be recalled for further questioning.

Wings As Evidence

Part of the wing of the Russian Yak fighter and the wing of the British Viking aircraft will be brought by lorry to the room in the Allied Control authority building where the inquiry is being held for examination by the commission's experts.

The official confirmation that the British authorities have

part of the wing of the wrecked Viking appears to bear out reports that some of the British plane, which lies in the Russian Zone, had been "unofficially" moved into the British sector.

The Russian authorities gave permission for the bodies and baggage to be removed soon after the catastrophe, but they did not allow the wreckage of the plane itself to be touched.

In the same way, the wrecked Russian Yak fighter has been lying under British guard in the British sector of Berlin since the accident, and the Russian authorities will only be allowed to move it tomorrow.

Did Not Arrive

The British authorities agreed, but the Russian general did not arrive. Soviet experts, accompanied by a British observer, will inspect the wreckage tomorrow morning as previously arranged.

In Vienna, the British and American authorities discussed concerted action over the latest Russian traffic controls in the Vienna area at a joint meeting today in the American capital.

Russian controls on British road and rail movements had earlier been relaxed.

Military trains passed through without incident. Eight cars were allowed to pass without their occupants showing photograph identity cards, previously insisted upon by the Soviet guards.

Soviet attention was concentrated today on a rigid check of American movements between Vienna and Tulln airport, about 15 miles from Vienna. An American correspondent and an Austrian photographer were detained and questioned for an hour when they tried to photograph Americans being held up at a Soviet road block.—Reuter.

REFUGEES POUR INTO SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 15.
The number of refugees fleeing from war-devastated areas to Shanghai has swelled to more than 200,000, according to figures released by competent authorities.

The same sources revealed that while a large number of refugees occupy accommodation provided by the local authorities, part of them have taken temporary lodgings in the premises of various guilds and funeral parlours.—Reuter.

U.S. Air Force Expansion

Washington, Apr. 15.
The House of Representatives voted additional funds today to start expanding the United States Air Force from 55 to 70 groups. The voting was 115 to none.

The bill was later sent to the Senate.

By the vote, the House added \$822 million to a \$2,376 million Bill originally designed to finance a 55-group Air Force. The House action was not final, however, as it must act on the other parts of the Bill as well, and the Senate has not yet considered it at all.—Reuter.

Wan Lee Passengers Still Held

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

All the 432 passengers and about 60 crew members of the freighter Wan Lee are still in the hands of Chinese Communists in north-eastern Shantung, according to a high official of the Fuming Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, quoted by the press today.

The official expressed his belief that the passengers and crew are now being held "at the Communist-controlled town of Yungchenhsien, about seven or eight miles from the north-east promontory where the ship ran aground last Monday."

In an effort to locate and try to rescue the passengers, nine persons representing the family members of the Wan Lee passengers in Shanghai are scheduled to emplane for Tsingtao and Peiping this morning. They will be accompanied by five officials of the Company.

The delegates will be taking with them several letters of introduction to high authorities, including one addressed to the Tsingtao Air Force commander.

Jogjakarta Affair: Dutch Doubtful

Batavia, Apr. 15.

The Provisional Federal Government met for four hours on Thursday to discuss the situation created by last Monday's incidents in Jogjakarta.

Abdul Kadir, a member of the Federal Government and Chairman of the Dutch Delegation, gave a report.

A Dutch spokesman said they are still undecided whether or not the Republican apologies will be accepted. The Federal Government will meet again on Thursday.

The spokesman said that none of the Dutch Delegation, now in Batavia, will leave for Jogjakarta on Thursday. He said the Dutch are disappointed that the Sultan of Jogjakarta did not deliver Wednesday's radio statement himself, but left it to an announcer.

It is reliably learned from a Dutch source that the reason why it is still undecided whether to accept or not the Republican apologies is due to a difference of opinion in the Federal Government.

One group wishes the return of the Dutch Delegation to Batavia. The rest wishes a continuance of the discussion in Jogjakarta, but with a clear and satisfactory apology by the Republican Government. It is believed that the Dutch Delegation maintains its former standpoint namely, to regard the incident as closed.—Associated Press.

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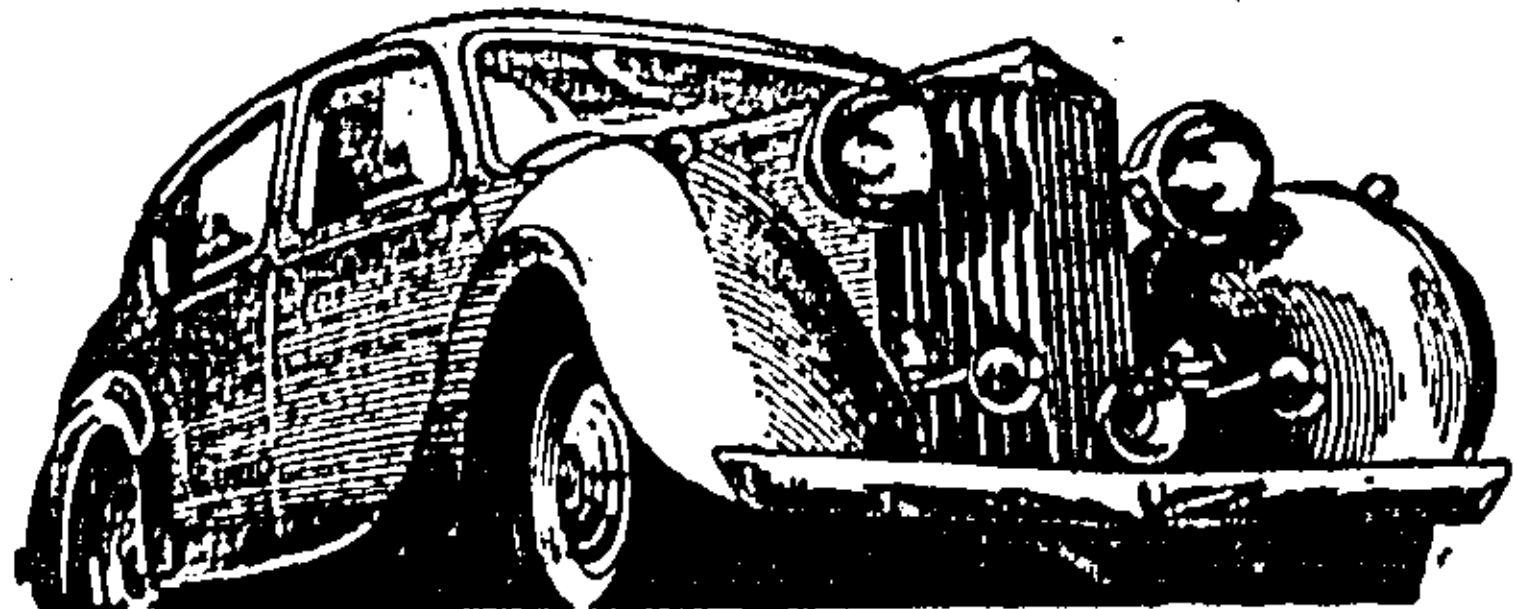


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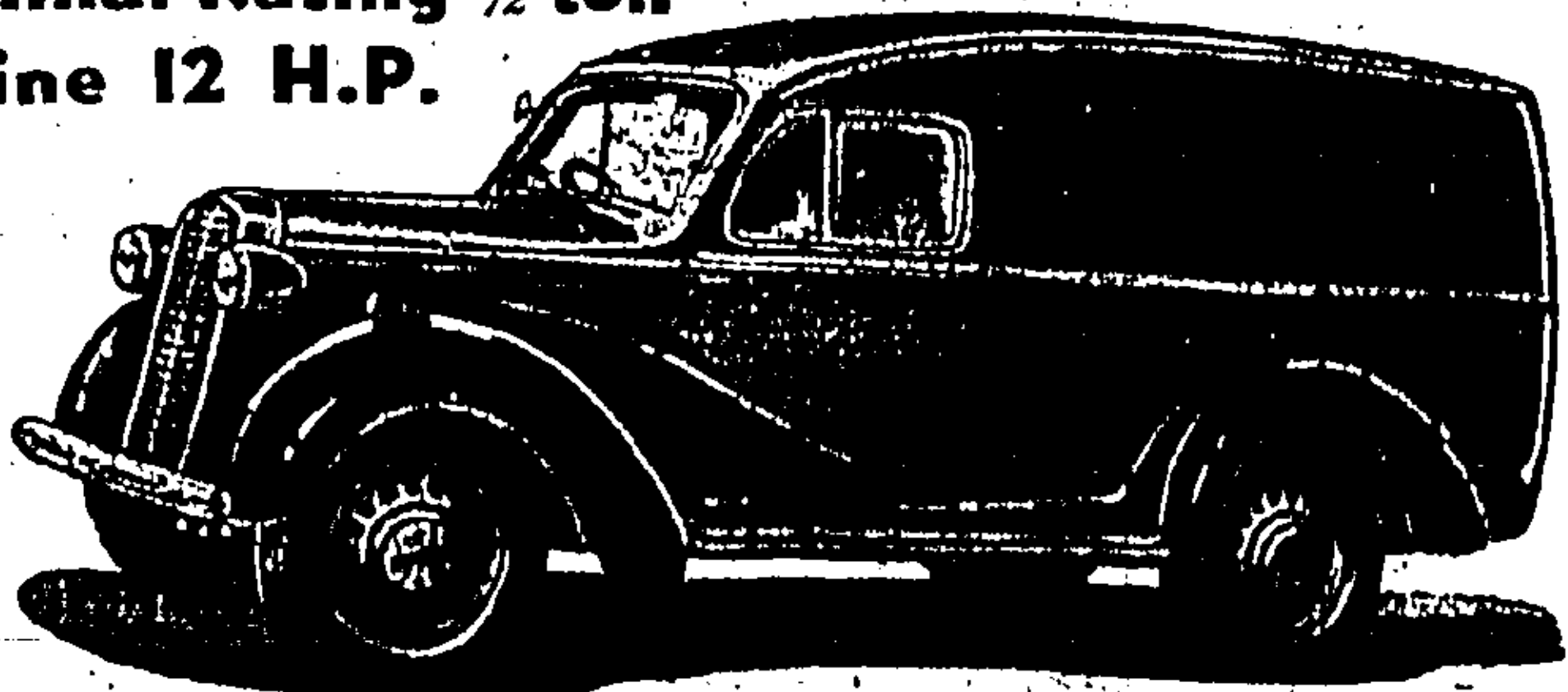


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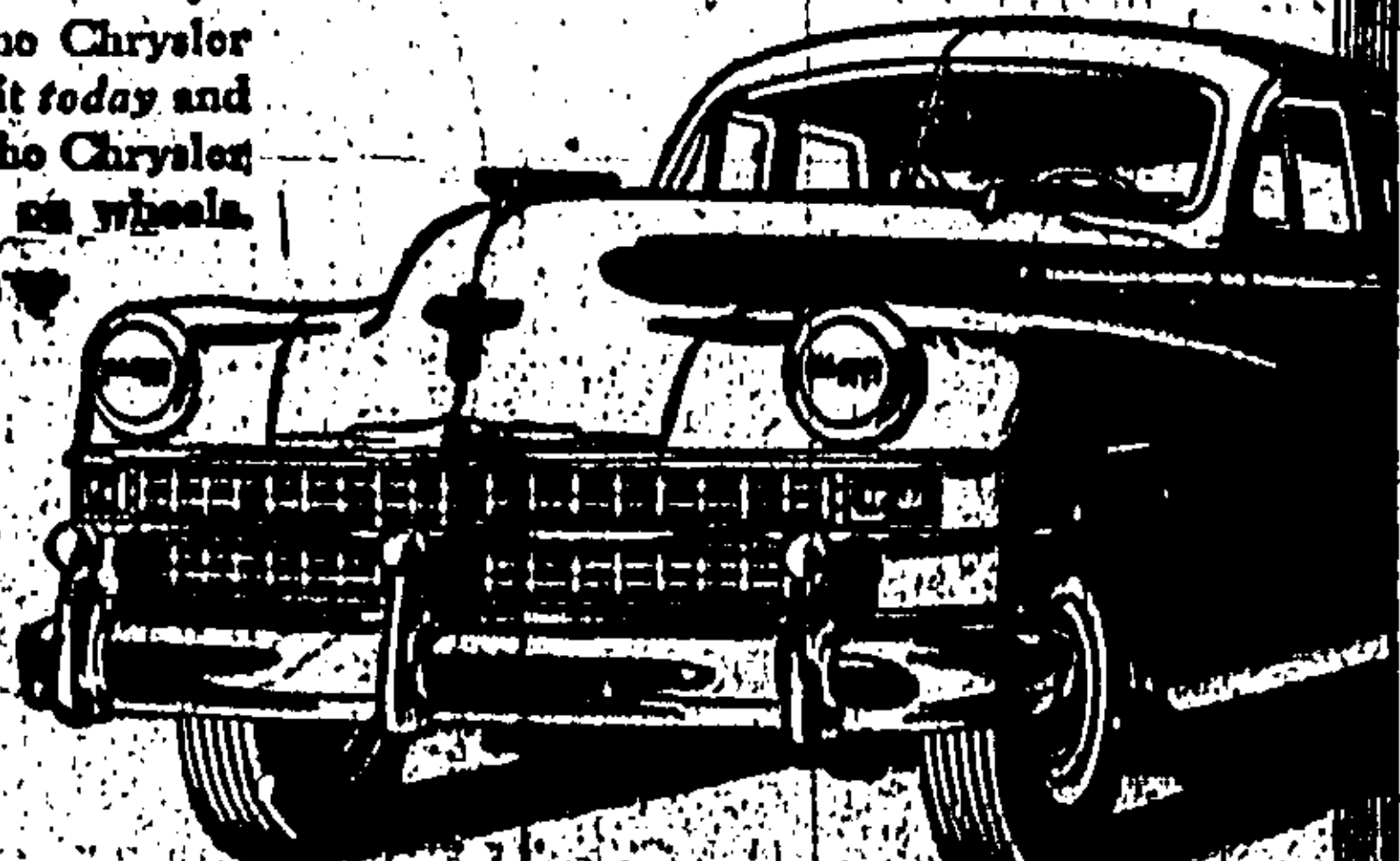
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE ON NEW CITROEN

BY OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

The Citroen Light Fifteen is not only the first front-wheel drive car to be road-tested by the "China Mail" but also the first "two-country" car, for although the engine and transmission are French, the Citroen is assembled in England (at Slough, to be precise) and has all the little extra touches that make the standard British car compare favourably with the luxury models of other countries. The Citroen has the advantage of an engine and transmission system which has stood the test of over 10 years road experience, plus the comfort and luxury interior of a good medium-class car.

Main interest centred at the outset, of course, on the front-wheel-drive system, as this was the first car of this type—with the exception of Jeeps during the war—that we had driven. Our initial reaction was that except for a gear lever protruding from the centre of the dashboard and a (false) impression of slightly heavier steering, there was little apparent difference between F.V.D. and the normal drive through the rear axle.

A run around the Island, however, soon showed the difference, for without any attempt to push the car and despite a crawl of some five miles through heavy fog between Taitam and Shaok-

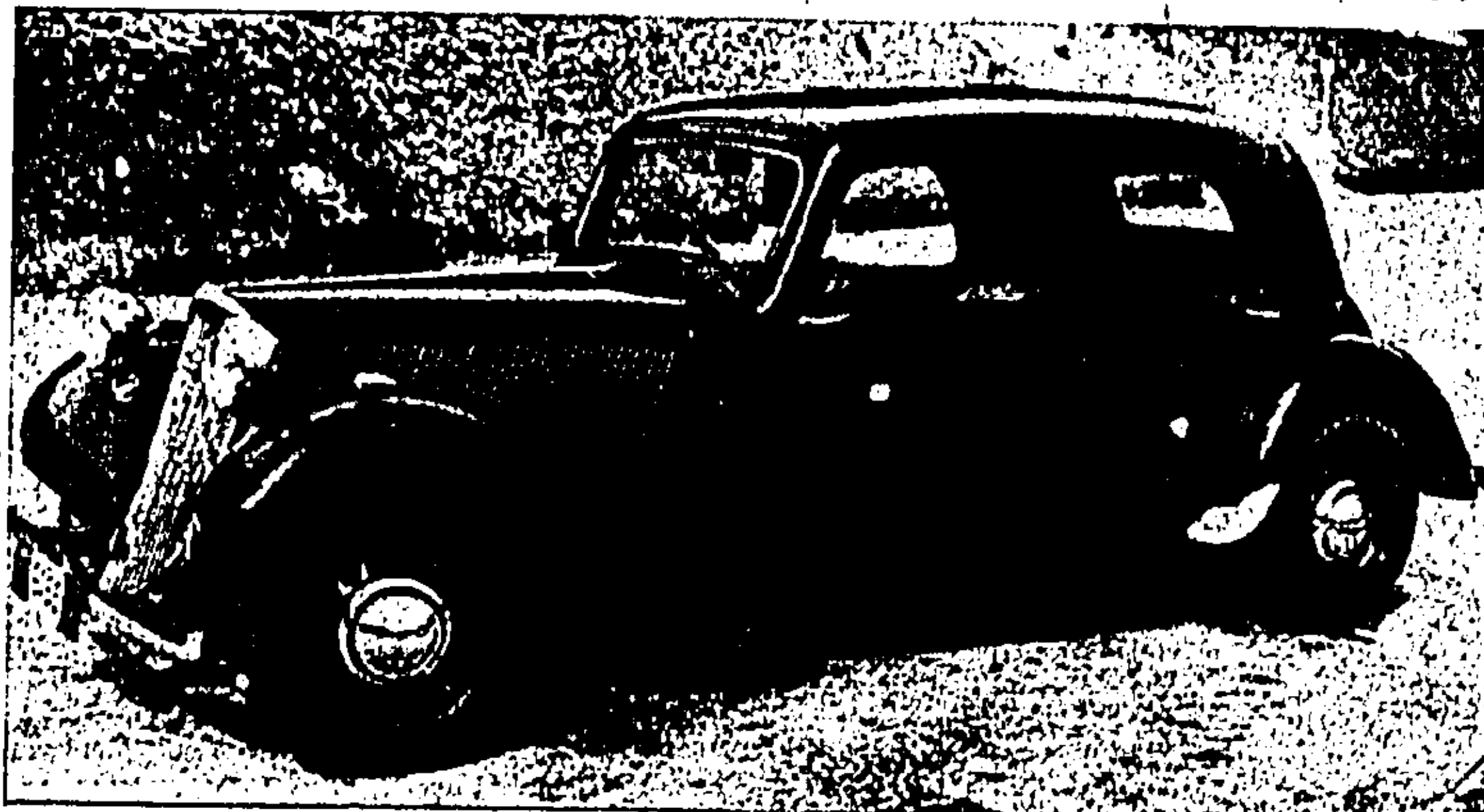
wan, the circuit of Hong Kong was accomplished at a far higher average speed than we have ever been able to achieve in the past.

One reason for this is the greater confidence one has in rounding the innumerable bends. In the ordinary course of events, skids are almost impossible, thanks to the pull of the front wheels as opposed to the "push" of the rear wheels in normal cars.

Another advantage of front-wheel-drive is, of course, the fact that with all the "works" out in front it is possible to build a really low body and yet have plenty of headroom and complete visibility of both wings. Weight, too, has been saved, for there is no propeller shaft and no live axle with its problems of unsprung avoidpops. Finally, Citroen have been able to combine torsion bar springs with

at 40 miles an hour and has a top speed of just over 70 miles an hour. It will be seen that the maximum speed is not as high as on certain semi-sporting type of British cars in the 2-litre category; on the other hand, on a point-to-point drive (especially on roads such as abound in this Colony), the Citroen thanks to its incredible road-holding and ability to corner at higher—and safer—speeds, would more than hold its own.

Citroen themselves claim that "few cars are so safe and comfortable to drive," and anyone who has been at the wheel of one will agree with this modest statement. There is nothing new or untested in the latest models. The front-wheel-drive system was first introduced in 1934. The present body has remained unchanged since 1937—and it is a



— "China Mail" Photo.

stiffness of chassis and frame and absence of roll to make fast cornering not only a delight, but a completely safe practice.

The gearshift—a small lever protruding from the centre of the wooden dashboard—looks at first sight as though it is going to be difficult. It isn't, as one finds out in a few minutes and changes up and down can be accomplished swiftly and easily. Personally, we might have preferred a slightly longer lever, but it is probably further acquaintance with a Citroen would alter this opinion.

Mention was made earlier of "a (false) impression of slightly heavier steering." This was probably more a psychological reaction than anything, for after four or five miles one realises that having the drive going to the front wheels does not mean that finger-light steering is impossible. It is firm, and one car does not tend to jump all over the road—but it goes exactly where one wants it with only the gentlest of pressure and complete absence of wheel-tugging.

The four-cylinder OHV ("valve-in-head") to American readers, engine makes the modest claim of some 57 brake-horse power at maximum revs. It is very definitely a four, and somewhat obtrusive at low speeds, when engine noise—a lusty, purring sound—makes itself somewhat obvious. But it has plenty of power behind it, whether on top or second, and responds quickly to throttle movements without hesitation or noise.

The Citroen Light Fifteen, according to official tests at Home, does some 28 miles to the gallon

tribute to the far-seeing designers that it by no means looks out of date or behind the times.

The stress is on the word "light," for a great deal of unnecessary weight has been eliminated. This is partly due to the method of body construction. Steel pressings, electrically welded together, make a rigid steel box out of roof, sides, floor and back panels. Further strength is provided by the welding in of the scuttle bulkhead. In other words, both body and chassis are one.

So far as bodywork is concerned, the Citroen is a five-seater, four-door saloon, with or without sliding roof. The seats are leather covered, the front seats being separate but so close together that three passengers can be accommodated in comfort when necessary.

General equipment includes a polished wood dashboard with glove panel, trafficators worked from a switch under the steering wheel, pile carpets, pockets on the doors for maps, etc., two concealed electric horns worked by a button under the steering wheel, a rectangular instrument panel containing a speedometer, ammeter, petrol gauge and clock, twin screen wipers, and all the normal fittings from ash-trays to driving mirror.

To sum up, the Citroen Light Fifteen is a fast, comfortable car, with all the speed and pulling powers of the best in its class, plus the added feature of front-wheel-drive to make cornering and manoeuvrability in traffic and on greasy roads a delight instead of a headache. Its low-slung

Data

MAKE AND MODEL: Citroen Light Fifteen, 4-door saloon.

ENGINE:—Four cylinder OHV (pushrod) engine; 1,911 cc., 15.08 HP, developing 67 BHP at 4,200 rpm; detachable cylinder barrels; 3-bearing counterweighted crankshaft; pressure-fed lubrication; 80-lb down-draught carburettor, with acceleration pump.

TRANSMISSION:—Front-wheel drive; gearbox and differential in unit with engine; 3-speed gearbox, with synchromesh on top and second, ratios 4.3, 7.3 and 13.1 to 1, reverse 17.5 to 1; dashboard gear lever; drive transmitted from differential to road wheels by universally jointed sliding cardan shafts.

SUSPENSION:—Front, independent wheels and adjustable torsion bars. Rear, adjustable torsion bars. Trailing axle with beam of cruciform section. Hydraulic shock absorbers, vertically mounted.

STEERING MECHANISM: Rack and pinion, with spiral gear teeth operating direct on push-pull rods.

BRAKES:—Lockheed hydraulic. Handbrake cable-operated, working independently on rear wheels.

MAIN DIMENSIONS:—Overall length, 14 ft. Overall width, 5 ft. Overall height, 5 ft. Wheelbase, 9 ft. 2 in. Track, 4 ft. 5 in. Clearance, 7 in. Turning circle, 40 ft.

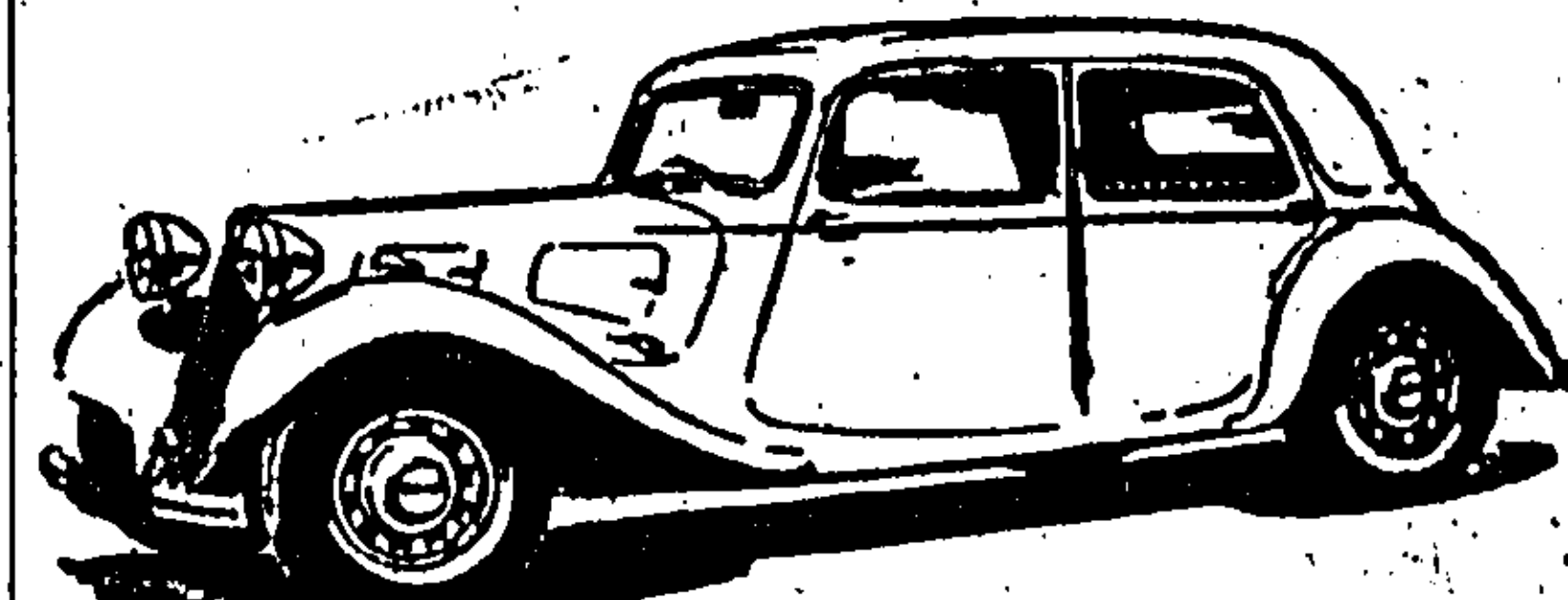
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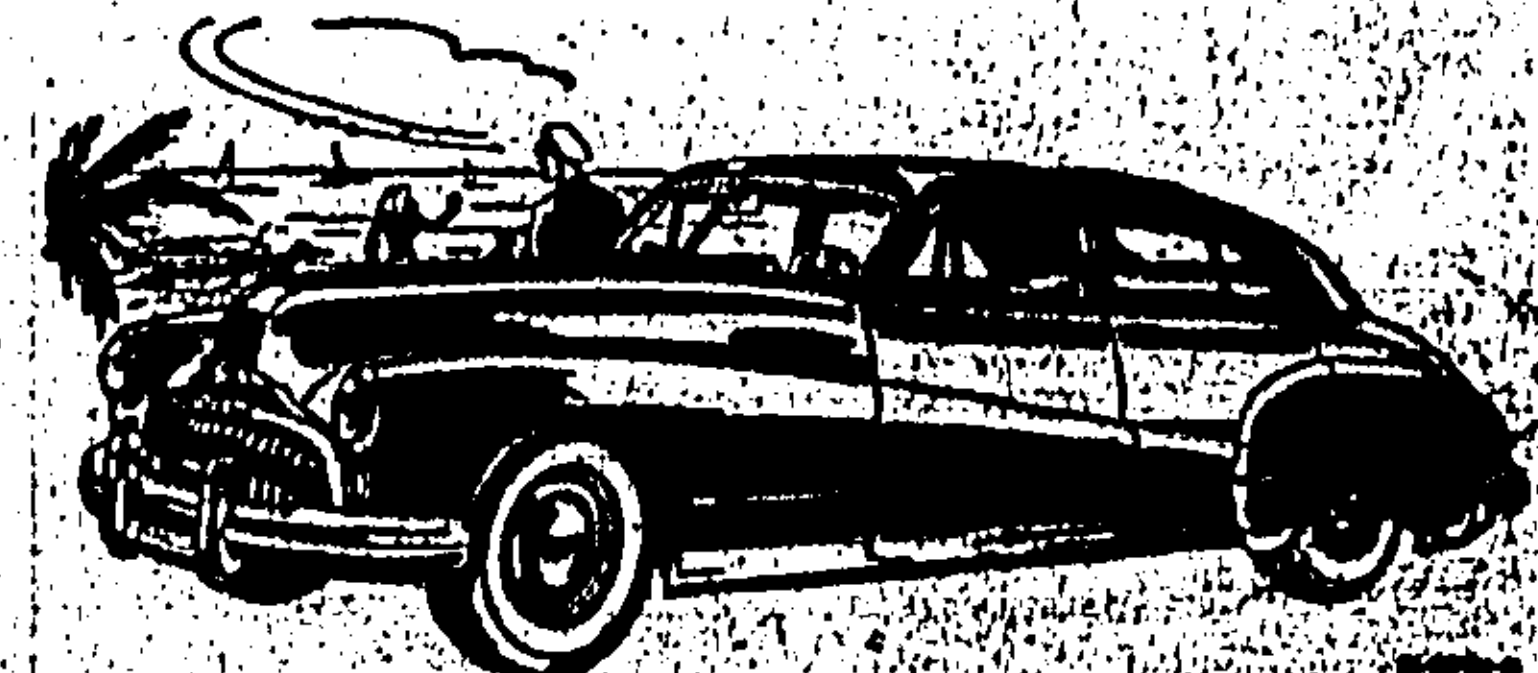
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